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CHIEF POMEROY'S WELCOME MESSAGE

by Chief Martin Pomeroy

First, let me say that it is an honor and a privilege to return to the Department and serve as your Chief of Police for the coming months. I served with this proud organization for 32 years and I know without a doubt that the LAPD is the premier law enforcement agency in the world. It is my desire to enhance the sense of pride and commitment that made us a world leader. I believe in this organization and I am pleased to be a part of its continuing legacy.

I pledge to work with you to make the LAPD a better place to work. I pledge fairness and reason during my administration. I will have high expectations of all of us. Together we will make this city a safer and better place to live. The test of how well we do will include whether we reduce the crime rate. We will also be measured by how well we work with the public and the officials that they have elected to represent them. We will be required to make changes in how we police this city. Therefore, we will also be measured by how willingly we embrace and implement these changes. I am asking

you to accept and support the changes that are now required of us. It is time to renew our commitment and dedicate ourselves to the betterment of this Department. We have been through tumultuous times, influenced by scandal and internal discord. Tough times are nothing new. We will come through these difficulties stronger and better than ever.

This agency was the best largely because we believed that we were. Our people have always been our greatest strength. That is why I now turn to you with every confidence that you can measure up to all of those expectations placed upon us. I urge you to do your best at all times and to take pride in your efforts. Do not hesitate to claim to do your best at all times and to take pride in your efforts. Do not hesitate to claim that you belong to the number one police department in the world. I sincerely believe that you do, and that this Department is still capable of greatness. Now is the time to demonstrate that greatness. We must reduce crime, enhance public confidence and strengthen community and governmental relationships. Together, we can make Los Angeles a great place to live and the LAPD a great place to work. ♦

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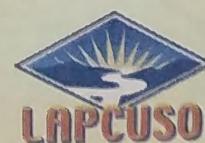
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OPERATING WITHIN A CHANGING LAW ENFORCEMENT ENVIRONMENT

MITZI GRASSO, PRESIDENT

Today more than ever, managing a police union is a challenge. This is a given on any day, but the challenges are magnified in a place like Los Angeles where law enforcement has been a front-page issue for years. With the eyes of the nation focused on our homeland security forces, it is critical for police officers to perform at the highest levels of efficiency and effectiveness. And, with our work rightfully under the constant watch of the media, it is particularly important that police officers and their leaders not only do the right things at the right time, but also clearly communicate with the media and the general public.

LAPD is no stranger to controversy and the LAPPL Board is often asked to explain these issues on behalf of the rank and file. Just in the last several years, issues like the Rampart scandal, the implementation of the consent decree, the debate over implementing flexible work schedules and — most recently — Chief Parks' request for reappointment, have put us square in the

middle of the media spotlight.

At the League, we make it a priority to look ahead and try (as much as possible) to anticipate the issues that are currently simmering but may soon reach a boiling point. This is one reason why we — and, increasingly, other law enforcement organizations across the country — consult with outside experts to help us anticipate upcoming issues affecting our members. Our use of top level experts, support of our members and the community has helped us become a very effective police union. It allows us to continue servicing the day-to-day needs of our members while at the same time getting an effective handle on the big issues that drive us toward realizing our long-term goals.

A good example was last year's mayoral election. We realized that the election would be a good opportunity for the LAPPL to heighten awareness both for the organization and the rank-and-file's concerns. To do this, we educated the candidates on our most important issue and challenge at the time: flexible work

schedules. By securing pledges from many of the candidates to implement flexible work schedules within 120 days of taking office and promoting knowledge of the schedules' impacts on both officers and the taxpayers of Los Angeles — which in turn would positively affect the number of officers at the LAPD and the level of service supplied — public safety issues became the center of debate in the election.

As a result, public safety issues became more of a concern to the residents and leaders of Los Angeles, and now LAPD officers have what we have long wanted: flexible work schedules. Because we looked ahead and identified possible issues and ways in which we could successfully move forward, the League was able to achieve one of our most important, longstanding goals.

Just because we have had more than our share of tough issues in the past year doesn't mean there won't be more challenges in the near future. Already issues such as secession and the selection of the new Chief fill the front pages of our

newspapers. And, just as we did with past issues that affect our members, we are also carefully evaluating these issues to see what — if any — positions and strategies the League should adopt to protect the interests of our officers and the public safety of the people of Los Angeles.

This last year has seen great progress, as the League has developed expertise in political and media relations. City leaders, local reporters and the community now respect the League's input on law enforcement issues and look to us as an authority on public safety and the LAPD. So while the League's primary functions are in areas such as contract negotiations, defense representation and promoting officers' rights, we are committed to continuing to play a major role in the governmental decisions that affect our members and public safety. We will also continue to address issues of concern to our neighbors, family and friends protected by our police officers, so that we are all contributing to a safer Los Angeles. ♦

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Looking around you, you know that the numbers at the department are down. Resources are being reallocated, colleagues are leaving for other departments and academy classes are being cancelled.

The department is in a recruiting crisis, and your help is needed.

The LAPPL is working in conjunction with the department and the Police Commission to improve recruitment immediately. Improving recruitment is essential for putting more police officers on the street to help combat rising crime. Now that we have helped address several of the problems affecting officer morale at the department – and vast improvements are on the way with the institution of a new chief – we hope that you will join us by making efforts to attract more people to the department.

We are currently discussing with the department and the Police Commission our suggestions for improvements that need to happen with recruitment efforts, the hiring process and salary/benefits.

For example, we have suggested many times during the past year that the hiring process should be streamlined so that we don't lose qualified candidates to other departments that complete the hiring process more quickly. According to a Los Angeles County Grand Jury report, the LAPD needs to recruit 16,000 to 27,000 applicants just to hire 1,000 officers to meet the city's needs, since only 4 to 6 percent of applicants pass the extensive application process. As it stands, applicants must pass a series of written tests, background checks and polygraph tests that can take up to six months or more to complete. Although it is necessary to take great care when hiring law enforcement personnel, other police agencies are able to attract a large

pool of applicants and complete a similar process in less time.

In the time that it takes for a recruit to apply to the LAPD and hear back on whether or not he or she is hired, an applicant can easily apply to another agency and, if qualified, be offered a job. For example, the Sheriff's Department can process an applicant in less time than the City of Los Angeles. The Burbank Police Department only takes between two and four months. It is because of delays that the LAPD is often losing qualified candidates to other agencies.

As we work with the department and the Police Commission to resolve these and other issues that may be hindering recruitment, we would like you, as proud members of both the Los Angeles Police Department and the LAPPL to serve as ambassadors for the department. In whatever way you can, aid the process by encouraging people you encounter – whether in your daily duties at work, in volunteer programs or with family and friends – to explore law enforcement as a career. Share your positive experiences from working at LAPD with others, and provide them with information on how they can start the process toward becoming an LAPD officer like you. Also explore opportunities within the department or the LAPPL where you can volunteer to speak or appear at career fairs or participate in other formal recruitment activities.

By standing together with the department, the Police Commission and our members, we hope to get LAPD back on track to full strength. Thank you for your continued service to the department, and we hope that you will encourage others who also wish to serve their communities as police officers to consider a career with the LAPD. ♦

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TRADITION WITH VISION

TED HUNT, SECRETARY

When John F. Kennedy was a United States Senator, he wrote a book entitled *Profiles in Courage* for which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1956. In the book, he profiled the courage and strength of the human spirit of eight senators who had preceded then Senator Kennedy in the Halls of Congress.

His brother Bobby wrote in the foreword, that these *Profiles in Courage* are "not just stories of the past but a book of hope and confidence for the future. What happens to the country, to the world, depends on what we do with what others have left us."

Two years ago, the Political Action Committee met with then City Attorney Jimmy Hahn to interview him because he was running for mayor to succeed Dick Riordan.

Our PAC is made up of Delegates from all over the City. They represent patrol, detectives, administration and support personnel. We are a very diverse group. We have two police officers who have run for state office. A couple of the members have either held or currently hold local elective office. Politically the PAC is a very sophisticated group.

During the interview, almost no questions were asked. Instead, the PAC really pounded into Mr. Hahn the horrors of the Parks administration and how the Department was beginning to collapse. Remember the things that you as a member of LAPD were thinking or saying back then? That is what was being told to Jimmy Hahn by the members of the

PAC. It was really pretty brutal.

The members of the PAC are not shy nor reserved. They speak up loudly on your behalf.

Jimmy Hahn listened intently and asked a few questions. I brought the interview to a close with this question. "How many of you (members of the PAC) would rather have Willie Williams back?" It was coldly silent for just a moment. Then, every hand went up. Hahn sat back in his chair and looked stunned. He mouthed the word "wow" without uttering a sound.

Everyone in LA knows the Hahn name and how Jimmy's father Ken Hahn had been revered by the African-American community. Jimmy was also widely loved and respected. Both Hahn's could always count on the Black vote at election time.

Was it a profile in courage for Jim Hahn to announce that he did not support Bernard Parks for reappointment? It isn't important whether or not you agree with Jimmy Hahn's action to not support Parks for renewal. The point is, was his action an act of courage?

Jimmy Hahn knew full well that the political fallout would be very harmful to him politically. He knew he would lose friends and supporters. He knew he had to make an extremely difficult decision which took great courage. He showed a tremendous strength of courage by doing what was best and right for LAPD and the City. He didn't

do it for the LAPPL. He did it for the Department and the City.

Just like you, I hear the drivel from political commentators who say that Mayor Hahn has paid back the League for getting him elected by getting rid of the Parks administration. Nothing could be further from the truth. Hahn was the only candidate who refused to say or suggest that he would get rid of Parks. He clearly stated that he would give Parks every opportunity to succeed. It makes me want to puke when I hear political commentators distort the facts.

When Jimmy Hahn did what was best for the Department, he also did what was best for the City; it was a true act of courage. He went from Ken Hahn's son Jimmy to being Mayor Jim Hahn.

So where are we at now? We have to examine our own *Profiles in Courage* and remember the "stories of the past" but look to the future with hope and confidence that it will get better. Then we have to help make it better. The City and the people of Los Angeles "depend on what we do with what others have left us."

What we have been left with is a Department that is in shambles. But the hope for the future is great. Remember the light at the end of the tunnel? Well, we just came out of the darkness and into the light. There is a better future.

We all need to have a clear understanding of our purpose. I believe that the overarching purpose (mission) of the Department should first be to prevent crime and second to apprehend criminals.

I also believe that the overarching

problem of the Los Angeles Police Department is the organizational culture.

Therefore, to successfully, effectively and efficiently fulfill the mission, the culture of LAPD must change.

There are two main stakeholders that make up LAPD, there are the administrators and there are line level practitioners. The optimal success of LAPD will come through the collaboration and coordination of the two groups.

We also need to consider external stakeholders. We need to continue to collaborate and coordinate with the Office of the Mayor, the Police Commission, the City Council and the Administration of LAPD to restore the effectiveness and efficiency of LAPD and to fulfill the mission, goals and objectives of LAPD.

As we change the culture of the Los Angeles Police Department we cannot and should not discard our vibrant, rich and valuable history. We must have Tradition with Vision.

We should recognize our traditions as we transform the culture of LAPD into one of community-police collaboration, with open communication, trust, integrity, innovation and proaction.

We need to rebuild LAPD together. We need to draw on the strength and courage of our own human spirit so we can work together to rebuild the LAPD we love. This is about confidence and hope for the future — a future that we can create together.

Chief Marty Pomeroy is a good man who can lead us through these initial and critical steps toward a better LAPD. ♦

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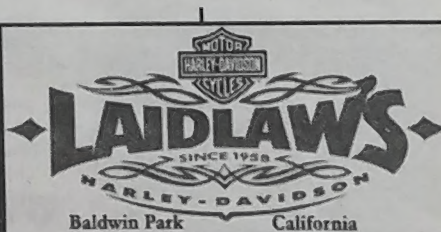
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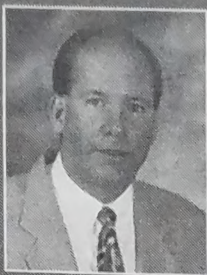
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"Shoot First, Ask Questions Later"

The statement "shoot first, ask questions later," was the statement uttered by (I hate to even give him the acknowledgment of councilman) Councilman Nate Holden. Holden held a press conference at the scene of a mid-city shooting which occurred a week prior involving two LAPD Officers and a 16-year old suspect, where the suspect was shot by the officers. Holden in his news conference framed the statement as a predictor of life in the LAPD without Chief Bernard Parks. Holden continued and stated, prior to the completion of the investigation, that the shooting was "excessive force... and a sign of things to come now that Parks is gone." This is the same Holden who two weeks prior at a news conference encouraged Bernard Parks to file a lawsuit against the City. As professional officers we have a code of ethics that we abide by.

As an elected public official Holden, too, has a code of ethics to abide by. Clearly by encouraging someone to sue L.A. City, thus putting more of a burden on L.A. taxpayers, and by accusing LAPD officers of excessive force with-

out any evidence, or prior to completion of an investigation, Holden is in clear violation of his professional and fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Los Angeles and LAPD officers. Yes, Holden is a lame duck. He is in his last term in office. However, that is no excuse for his completely inappropriate actions and statements of the last few weeks. Nate Holden should do everyone a favor and step down prior to his term expiring before he does any more damage and divides this city even further.

I acknowledge the Los Angeles Police Commission, particularly President Rick J. Caruso, when he stated, "I am appalled at this despicable statement wholly designed to incite tension in the City of Los Angeles."

Workers' Compensation

Advantages and Disadvantages of a Disability Pension

I receive numerous calls weekly from members who are deciding to file for a disability pension. Enclosed is a quick overview of the advantages and disadvantages of a disability pension.

The most obvious advantage of a service-connected disability pension is an economic one. A disability pension is

tax-exempt because it is considered to be a form of workers' compensation (Internal Revenue Code Section 104). Unfortunately, many CPA's and accountants are not familiar with this Internal Revenue Code section and how it applies to safety members, so it behooves a retired member to make sure that he or she has an accountant or CPA who is familiar with the disability pension system.

Another advantage of a service-connected disability pension is that it is subject to the cost-of-living adjustment on an annual basis immediately.

A nonservice-connected disability pension is taxable, at least in part, under Internal Revenue Code section 105. If the disabled member has less than twenty years with the department and is medically incapable of working for the department, there is no alternative but to seek a disability pension, even if it is a N-IOD.

The city has a right to take credit or an offset against the disability pension for any amount of money awarded for permanent disability under workers' compensation. Hence, a member who has twenty-five years with the department, and a serious medical condition where he or she could be awarded thousand of dollars through the workers' compensation system may be better off just taking a regular service pension and pursuing workers' compensation benefits. Since workers' compensation benefits are also tax-free, it may be economically more sound to retire under a regular service pension since no credit for workers' compensation benefits can be taken.

Additionally, any prior workers' compensation benefits that were awarded will also be credited against a disability pension that is granted. For example, assume that a safety member has received a prior workers' compensation

award for \$10,000.00 some nine or ten years ago. The member then has a serious traffic accident on duty, which is incapacitating and entitles the member to a disability pension. The city will not only take credit for any workers' compensation benefits which would be awarded for the traffic accident, but it will also take credit against the disability pension for the prior \$10,000.00 that was awarded, even though the later injury is totally unrelated to the granting of a disability pension.

Under these circumstances, it may be advisable to consult an accountant to help evaluate which option would be the more advantageous. The impact of a disability pension on future employability is something that must be evaluated by the individual member. Obviously, this will vary greatly from case to case, and in some situations it could have a negative effect, while in other cases it has little or no bearing on a retired member's earning capacity.

Finally, it should be noted that whenever a member decides to file for a disability pension, it should be coordinated with the filing of a workers' compensation claim. The Board of Pension Commissioners does not have the jurisdiction to award lifetime medical care, even though they grant a disability pension. Future medical care must be obtained through the workers' compensation system by filing a claim and receiving an Award. Additionally, if the pension is denied by the Board, the member should seek to obtain the monetary benefits through the workers' compensation system, along with lifetime medical care.

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PETER REPOVICH

It is a new day in the Los Angeles Police Department. Today will be the first full day of the temporary Chief of Police. I congratulate the choice of the Police Commission in the selection of Marty Pomeroy. Although he will be in the Office a short period of time, what the Chief accomplishes during this time is critical to the success of our department. Now and in the future it is important for any member of our department to help create the future Los Angeles Police Department. Any and all suggestions about how we can improve the department, bring it to full strength and eliminate crime must be communicated to the Chief and the Police Commission. You must get involved, bring forward your ideas, no idea is the wrong idea. We are the world class police department with world class personnel. We must take full advantage of the expertise at all levels and all ranks. A new openness and supportive environment must now take place and continue into the future. The new Chief of Police needs all of us as members of the department to help establish an environment for change.

The Police Commission and its board members have never been so determined to get involved in the day-to-day operations of the department. President of the

Commission, Rick Caruso is a hands-on no nonsense guy and has said on numerous occasions, the Police Protective League must be part of the fabric when it comes to rebuilding the department. This is very refreshing and will really set the stage for a bright future. Police Officers all over the city applaud the commission's involvement and commitment to address their concerns. It just so happens that the Police Officers' concerns are the same concerns of the citizens of Los Angeles. Police Officers know the answers to most of the concerns plaguing our department and their ideas should be taken full advantage of by Chief Pomeroy. The Board of Directors will continue to educate the department and the community on critical issues facing our city. We have been unrelenting on issues that affect our membership and the community's ability to achieve public safety. The League has worked closely with the community and has created relationships that will help us achieve improvements in public safety and will help get officers the support necessary to be effective in police work.

We have many critical issues in the coming months that include the federal consent decree, the selection of the permanent Chief of Police, the rebuilding of

the department (NEW THINK), and the fighting of secession.

The issues we are facing will require true leadership; I don't think one word can describe better the one quality necessary in the selection of the next Chief of Police. This decision can't be a politically correct decision; it must be the right decision. Mayor Hahn has demonstrated a tremendous amount of courage and has taken political heat beyond what he thought possible, all in the name of improving public safety.

Police Officers are very appreciative of the Mayor's support and are thankful for his recognition of the need to make organizational change and to support our police officers. The Mayor and the Police Commission have shown true leadership and deserve serious recognition. I believe the Mayor's Office and the Police Commission and the temporary chief are on the fast track to fix the problems that plague our department and will provide strong leadership. ♦

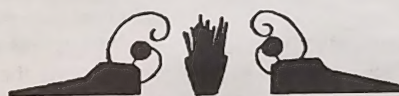
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After the federal tax codes were changed, the State of California would have to change their Revenue and Taxation Code to conform with the new federal rules. There was some concern that the conformity legislation would have some road blocks due to California's current budget shortages. Several bills went to the legislature to modify our Revenue and Taxation Code. After careful analysis, Governor Gray Davis co-sponsored AB 1122 (Corbett) and SB 657 (Scott). Those two bills passed both houses and were signed into law on April 25, 2002. The legislation for California, "would change the specified date of those referenced Internal Revenue Code sections to

January 1, 2001, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2002."

At the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Deferred Compensation Administration scheduled for May 28, 2002, we hope to have the conformity issue on the agenda so as to begin permitting the new allowable contributions to Deferred Compensation. This legislation will also permit you to roll over other qualified accounts into Deferred Compensation and it removes the previous minimum distribution rules on Deferred Compensation accounts. This new legislation is a great benefit to all of the men and women who are participating in these outstanding tax-deferred savings plans. The financial opportunities for everyone are enormous, especially for those officers who are also enrolled in DROP.

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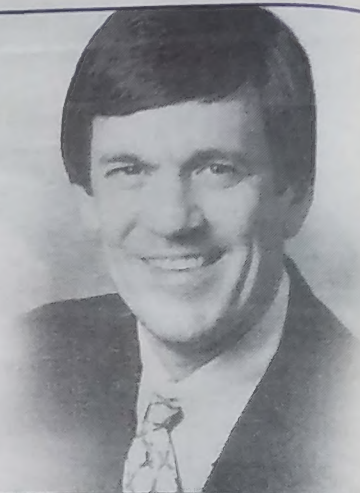
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Each month, I hope to give you information that will make you a more informed buyer or seller of real estate and mortgage services. Real estate services can be confusing, but hopefully, I can give you information to make you a more savvy consumer and save you money.

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HOW CAN I INCREASE MY SCORE?

While it is difficult to increase your score over the short run, here are some tips to increase your score over a period of time.

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Thank you for your trust and confidence in the LAPRAAC Real Estate Services Program and each month I hope to give you more insight and knowledge to help fulfill your dreams and goals in the real estate market.

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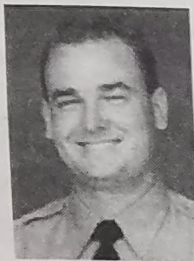
PAUL M. WEBER

Heroes Recognized

The names of 11 additional slain California Peace Officers were added to the Police Memorial in Sacramento in the beginning of May. (See the web site at: <http://www.camemorial.org/2001.htm#2001>) We honor our fallen heroes at this hallowed place and insure they will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace brothers!

Another Hero Slain

While preparing to honor these heroes we lost another hero. Deputy David March, 33, Los Angeles County Sheriff's was murdered. March was a seven-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department who lived with his wife and stepdaughter in Santa Clarita. He was shot to death April 29, 2002, by a man he stopped for a traffic violation in Irwindale.



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At the May 7, 2002, Delegates meeting the Commanding Officer of Recruiting Division was asked by the Board of Directors to address the Delegates on recruiting. Material and information will be provided and returned to you at the Division.

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June Delegates Meeting

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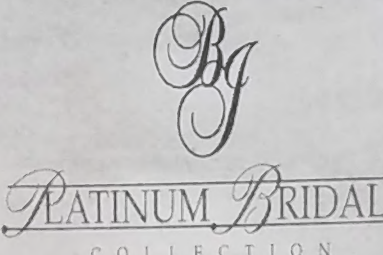
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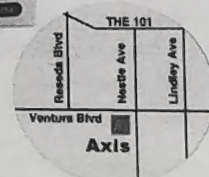
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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



Battle For Due Process and Fairness Continues

It appears that even after leaving office the former Chief of Police has left behind a minefield full of lack of due process and unfairness in the disciplinary battle front of the LAPD.

By way of background, on April 24, 2002, a Board of Rights hearing two consolidated cases related to the Rampart "incident" voted 2 to 1 to find the accused officers guilty of serious charges, amounting to planting evidence, false reports, and perjury — in a case where the criminal suspect pled guilty to possession of the handgun for which the arrest was made. No question here that the 2 to 1 majority by this Board of Rights would have fired both officers, but for the statute of limitations defense that was effectively presented by the officers' panel attorney Mike Stone and

their defense representatives, Mike Williamson and Dave Winslow. Accordingly, the Board of Rights unanimously granted the defense motion for a finding that the Department did not meet the statute of limitations on the charges. Logically, the majority of the Board members that found the officers guilty would have to have been literally convinced that the Department failed to meet the statute of limitations in order to retreat from their obvious determination to fire the officers! Here begins the horror story...

Almost two weeks after the Board of Rights members signed its decision recommending that the officers be reprimanded and restored to duty, Deputy City Attorney Matthew St. George and the Department Associate Advocate decided to attempt to seduce the Board members into a Phoenix-like rise and revival, to "reconsider" its decision on

the statute of limitations issue.

Here is what has happened to date. First, St. George told the Advocate to not forward the Board's Decision and Order (in both cases) to the Chief of Police for execution (see, this way, the five-day period for the Chief to execute the Order never begins to run.) This violated both the City Charter and §280 of the Board of Rights Manual. Second, St. George contacted the Board's legal counsel, Assistant City Attorney Jess Gonzales, ex parte, "to give him the cases showing that the Board had jurisdiction to reconvene." Third, Gonzalez apparently did advise the Board members that it could reconsider their final Decision and Order. Although the "advice" from Gonzalez was not disclosed on the record, it is obvious what it was. There's a need to note that attorney Mike Stone had already objected to this "dual-representation" by the same City Attorney's lawyers (Gonzalez and St. George) who purported to be "independent" (no conflict). This, in our view, is evidence that there is no independence — St. George contacted Gonzalez ex parte and obviously influenced his advice to the Board members.

The Board of Rights ("BOR") decided to order briefing on the jurisdictional issue alone. St. George wanted to include his "briefing on the merits," but the Chairman of the Board wisely said no. The Chairman of the Board rejected this proposal so quickly that Mike Stone didn't even get a chance to say how dumb and self-serving St. George's request was. This was the only good thing that happened on this date.

Attorney Stone told the BOR that this was nothing more than a "message" from the Department's leaders to this BOR that "the Department didn't like the deci-

sion — so get back together to come up with one that we like." According to St. George, the BOR has "implied power" to reconsider its decision — tacitly admitting that there is nothing in the Charter or BOR Manual authorizing this unheard-of procedure. Stone countered by stating, "that means every time we can't find the power or authority in the Charter or Manual to do something, we make one up, and call it 'implied' — what a helluva way to run the railroad."

Stone also stated, "I want to re-open the guilt phase because I believe the BOR majority erred on the guilt findings — can I do that?" There was no response. Stone later answered himself, "Of course I can't!" At that point, the Advocate interjected that this could "all be briefed."

Thereupon the BOR ordered St. George to file a brief by May 22, 2002, on the jurisdictional issue, and Stone to respond by June 12, 2002, on both the jurisdictional questions and Stone's claim of conflict of interest involving St. George and Gonzalez. St. George has ten days to reply, which will be June 24, 2002. Then, a hearing was set for July 9, 2002.

Now, to the real point of this story: if the Department pulls this one off, no accused member can ever rest comfortably in a BOR victory. There, as here, the BOR can be intimidated into "reconvening" to change its decision. Once the Advocates and the brass figure this out, we will see a spate of efforts to reconvene boards to come up with a "right" decision. Hopefully our new interim Chief of Police can step up to this minefield and help us clear it up.

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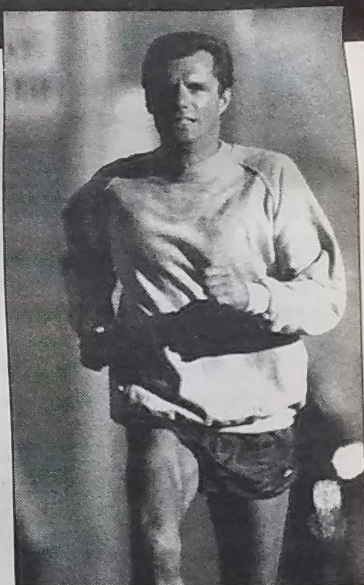
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WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

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Whaddya Mean I Never Say Anything Nice About Internal Affairs!

Okay. Maybe not often. But then it's pretty hard to sound a warning bell warning League members about something nice. Unfortunately, nearly all management policies that are oppressive and/or unfair are by necessity implemented by sergeants and lieutenants acting under power of orders, personal belief in the policy, personal ego trips, or expectation of promotion. Criticizing the oppressive policy may result in the criticism of League members while wearing their management hats. In the area of discipline, this usually involves Internal Affairs. A comment I often hear from IA investigators is that no one ever hears of the officers that they clear in their investigations. It is a true comment. So, here it is. Something nice about Internal Affairs.

Last month, the Department sent seven good, hard-working officers to Boards of Rights for a 1996 Rampart related case where the officers through skilled police work solved a murder and successfully prosecuted two murder suspects. The rationale was that there was insufficient time to review the complaint because of the statute of limitations. Fifty odd counts were sustained against the officers. We scheduled Boards rang-

ing from July to November. This perceived injustice caused me to wax eloquently (or rage incoherently, depending on your side of the fence) on sustaining complaints without reviewing the evidence in last month's column. The chain of command also saw a problem with this situation. Sergeant Ray Garvin of the Advocate Section undertook a detailed review of the evidence (or rather, lack of evidence) and wrote a fact sheet recommending that the seven Boards of Rights be withdrawn. Commander Tom Lorenzen approached Chief Bostic with the fact sheet and the Chief withdrew the seven Boards.

The moral of the story is that the system can work if the will is there. Hats off to Captain Pat Findley, Sergeant Ray Garvin, Captain Peter Trilling, Commander Tom Lorenzen and Deputy Chief Bostic for working to straighten this situation out.

Are Things Changing?

The unanswered question is whether this would have been possible under Chief Parks' regime. I hope so. Boards have been withdrawn in the past. But there does seem to be a new atmosphere. As League president, Mitzi Grasso, stated at a delegates meeting the other night, "officers seem to be walking with a lighter step." There is a real opportunity here to rebuild this Department. We can

keep the ball rolling, or we can drop it. The mandate is clear. Morale is the problem of management. Officers need to feel that they will be treated fairly and backed up when they are trying to do their jobs, even if they make a mistake sometimes. Those managers that perpetuate the "scorched earth/burn 'em to learn 'em" style of management need to retire along with Chief Parks. They will only get in the way of building this Department back up to its former leadership position in law enforcement. As a very savvy Department police psychologist, Kris Mohandi, said, "we need to make this police department a good place to work again." Doctor Mohandi hit the nail on the head. All else can and will flow from that solid base.

As another sign that maybe things are changing, Internal Affairs Group has started a new publication called the R & E Newsletter. It drips with common sense in handling disciplinary issues. I urge all supervisors who are involved in any way in the disciplinary process to obtain a copy of this publication and read it. All of you employee representatives out there in the divisions should also get a copy to help guide your interviews with accused officers.

No one wants a "bad cop" on this job. What we want is officers responding to crime problems in a rational and legal way unafraid of groundless and silly allegations of misconduct from those whom they are forced to arrest. The City of Los Angeles sends you in harm's way and should shield you from this burden. Any other philosophy results in a replay of the last five years, i.e., a feeling from those officers on the street that we depend upon to insert themselves between us and evil that the best action is no action. The citizens of Los Angeles want action against criminals. The chal-

lenge is to separate the wheat from the chaff when the criminals whine and complain about those who are frustrating their desire to break the law.

This requires leadership. Both at the top and maybe even more importantly at the field supervisor level. Officers need to feel that they are doing their job keeping the community safe while they can depend on their leaders for direction, correction and back-up. Perfect officers do not exist. Positive and sometimes negative techniques have to be used to encourage the best performance from each employee. Reversing the effect of the past several years is going to take some time, but now is the time to start. Officers need to respect the rights of others on the street and management needs to respect the rights of officers in the station.

It is the ultimate irony that Chief Parks considered his rights under the Public Safety Officer's Procedural Bill of Rights Act to have been violated confirmed by Gloria Allred's opinion that he had a good lawsuit against the City. This is the same Chief that called Board members in for "interviews" when their "not guilty" verdicts upset him. The same Chief who downgraded officers without benefit of a hearing. The same Chief who transferred officers into the kit room to pine away on the mere allegation of some Brady issue violation prior to any hearing. The same Chief who caused the loss of on-duty defense representatives for Boards of Rights.

If Chief Parks is correct about his rights being violated, he is the ultimate proof of what I have said in this column a hundred times. What can be done to one, can be done to anyone. Even the Chief. That is why it is so important to respect and to fight for "anyone's" rights.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned for editing by the writer. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

To whom it may concern:

My name is Ptlm. Matthew W. Lindsey of the Duncansville Police Department in Duncansville, Pa. I am writing you to obtain information for a patch exchange. I would like to exchange one of our patches for one of yours. My mailing information is: Ptlm. Matthew Lindsey, Duncansville Police Dept., 214 Logan Blvd., Apt. 2A, Altoona, Pa. 16602.

Thank you for your time and information.

Los Angeles Police Protective League:

The Police Protective League has won a difficult battle with the office of the chief. Left in the wake of success swirls of this new potent power hangs a challenge to establish clarity of authority between management and line officers. Whatever has happened in the departure of Chief Bernie Parks and for whatever reasons, it's history. There are enough failures by everyone to atone from the past that was a full court press in hurling blame and acrid accusations with wanton disregard of reputations. To shirk individual responsibility through accepting gossip as truth is number one on a long list for the current mess. It's no wonder there is low morale and manpower flight. This win sets the stage to get about the positive business of rebuilding the Los Angeles Police Department from the civilians to chief. I, for one, am heartsick seeing the magnificent reputation of LAPD stomped into mush and bad-mouthed officers.

Creating obligatory change within the police family is an on-going task as it is in every walk of life. As change is the first law of the universe, it requires that each of us understand our responsibilities to search within ourselves acceptable change in our belief systems. Once there is understanding about change then comes the big awakening of free will and choice, another individual responsibility. I don't know about the

rest of you, but for me I definitely know use of my free will and choice by profane communication, use of my fists upon another human being, or unacceptable sexual activity has disaster written all over it. There are no excuses for unacceptable behavior. As a police officer, we are held responsible for shaping our behavior and to meet the high standards of law enforcement ethics or find different employment. The Police Protective League and each officer now has a new set of responsibilities that will drastically change the internal working of the department and themselves.

I send my heartfelt blessings to the Police Protective League and to each officer—that you direct your new power to change course, each of you can choose to follow and in following the changes that occur, that you can feel secure to happily come to work and go home feeling the thrill of being the best cops in the universe; that you can change the citizen attitude of public support when you unite into a new mindset within the department. LAPD is a tradition of rising to leadership among national law enforcement. I wish God speed.

Sincerely,
Fanchon Blake

To: Mitzi Grasso

From: Sgt. Ron Roark, LAPD (Retired)

I congratulate you on a great "President's Message" on the front of the May 2002 issue of the *Blue Line*. I retired in 1981. Until the "Rodney Festival" and the ensuing incarceration of four fine officers due to the Department rolling over on them, I had been proud to say I was part of the "Thin Blue Line." I'm still hesitant to admit to my prior involvement with LAPD. Not because of the actions of a few bad cops, but because of the failure of the upper administration to understand or care about what was happening on the street and the resulting loss of morale and poor

work ethic. Historically, the LAPD upper echelon is more concerned about how they may be perceived than the welfare of the street cop. As you so eloquently pointed out, without the people on the street, the chief doesn't have a job.

Hopefully, the next chief has read or understands the basic principles of good management and will be your leader rather than your ruler.

With some luck I hope to again be proud to say I'm retired from the LAPD. And I further pray that the fine officers of the LAPD will be allowed to again proudly protect and serve and do real police work.

Letter to the editor:

Just a suggestion—make it a requirement for anyone thinking of throwing their hat into the ring for Chief of Police to see the movie "We Were Soldiers Once." Maybe they can learn something about being a leader. While you're at it, why not make all command staff see it. A lot of them could use a lesson in leadership, too.

Sgt. Steve Gomez, #21953
Metropolitan Division/K9

May 10, 2002

Mr. Greg Ashlock
General Manager
KFI - AM 640
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Mr. Ashlock:

We were dismayed to hear that on April 30th, The Bill Handel Show chose to play the song "I Shot the Sheriff" just before reporting the murder of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy David March. This happened again the following day.

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staff for the family of Deputy March and the thousands of law enforcement officers in Southern California who every day put their lives on the line so that you and your family can live with some sense of personal security?

The sick amusement you apparently received by playing the song in conjunction with the report was at the expense of a man who prided himself on serving the residents of Los Angeles County and was credited with helping individuals turn their lives around.

Deputy March pursued a career in law enforcement, choosing to protect others from the kind of murderous thugs—like the one who took his life—and who threaten us in our community. The media's responsibility in these situations is, at a bare minimum, to show respect for his sacrifice. Law enforcement officers work hard at maintaining high professional standards.

The least we expect is that your on-air personalities perform professionally when confronted with this or any other kind of personal tragedy. The men and women of law enforcement are deeply offended by this incident and we expect a public apology will be forthcoming immediately.

Very truly yours,
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IN MEMORIAM

Robert Aguilar

Robert Aguilar was born in Los Angeles on November 28, 1919. He married "Tillie" in January, 1942. They were married 60 years when he passed. He served in the U.S. Army and was in the landing of Normandy Beach on D-Day and in the Battle of the Bulge.

In 1967, Robert and Tillie became part of the LAPD family when the youngest of their three children, Ron, began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department.

In 1973, Robert and his wife started a tradition of their own when they began attending LAPD flag football games. They would show up to the games with food. Not just for the team their son played for, but for everyone who was in attendance. This tradition carried every Sunday for fifteen years. After the flag football league evolved into the LAPD Centurions, Robert and the rest of his family traveled to Phoenix, Arizona, for the first ever Centurions Football game. They were seen at almost every Centurion football game. Robert was there at several annual California Police Summer games, and baseball tournaments to support any and all LAPD athletes.

Once Baker to Vegas was formed, Robert and his wife recruited family members, took a large motor home and set up shop in Pahrump, Nevada. Not just as spectators, but active involved participants. They would stay up all night to feed anyone who was weary and in need of food, drink or comfort, be it LAPD or anyone passing through no matter what agency they represented.

There may be some who didn't get to meet Robert personally, but anyone who was involved with Rampart Division, LAPD flag football, the original Centurions, baseball tournaments, or Baker to Vegas were lucky enough to enjoy their offerings of food, drink and comfort, will know who it was that truly loved the LAPD and was a true spirit of the LAPD family.

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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



LAPPL LEGISLATIVE CORNER

By Timothy H. B. Yaryan
LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

The state budget news just keeps getting worse and worse, with the current deficit now over \$20 billion. Roughly speaking, that's about 20% of the current state budget, or about the same deficit percentage the state faced in 1993-94 when local government was hit with the property tax shift. The Governor has taken a firm position against a tax increase, it appears that the amount of anticipated federal funding will probably fall short, and the early revenue projections from this year's tax returns suggests this deficit will increase when it comes time for the May budget revisions. This ugly fiscal situation, without a doubt, will adversely affect funding for public safety both this year and for several years to come. The League's job, and it will not be easy, will be to protect our law enforcement members as much as possible from devastating budget cuts!

On the policy side, the news is much brighter. Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg's bill to extend and expand the current racial profiling law, **AB 2133**, was "gutted and amended," and now applies only to state prison inmate visits. While the issue of racial profiling will probably be with us for years to come, the League was instrumental in stopping both **AB 788** (a bill to impose civil liability on peace officers who allegedly racially profile) and **AB 2133** (a bill to expand and extend current law). In the interim, a

number of Departments including the LAPD and the CHP will be submitting data to the state, which will help show whether many allegations about racial profiling are justified and well founded.

Another LAPPL opposed bill, **AB 2460**, by Assembly Member Bill Campbell would have given management virtually unlimited access to the personal history of any applicant for a job with the Department, including access to any sealed records and personal bank records. This "spot bill" originated with some overzealous LAPD management types who have long had a burning desire to, among other things, obtain and monitor an officer's financial records and bank accounts. This small group of LAPD zealots tried to get the City's Legislative Analyst to approve this draconian legislation. When their proposal was turned down by the City, they proceeded to go behind the City's back to get the bill introduced by misrepresenting that this was an LAPD bill designed to address the "Rampart" issue. When this little scam was subsequently exposed, (and our active opposition surfaced) the bill was quietly – if unceremoniously – dropped by the author! I just wonder whether LAPD management will ever discipline these management zealots in the same manner as they would discipline rank-and-file officers who would probably be fired if they ever pulled a stunt like this.

It's interesting to observe that while these individuals may feel it is ok to break well established rules and procedures, they fully expect their subordinates to comply with the letter of the law.

Another bill of interest, particularly to those members who have jobs as security guards when off duty, and to those who are thinking of moonlighting as a security guard, is **AB 1840** (Manny Diaz, D, San Jose). Cosponsored by the League, **AB 1840** eliminates all the "ancillary fees" you now must pay (i.e. fingerprinting, etc.) to the Department of Consumer Affairs – which is substantial – and retains only a modest registration fee. **AB 1840** was recently voted out of the Assembly Business and Professions Committee by an 11-0 vote, and is now in the Appropriations Committee.

Director Ted Hunt testified for the League in support of this bill.

One bill many League members will be proud of is LAPPL-sponsored **AB 2846** (Dario Frommer, D, Los Angeles). **AB 2846** modifies the Peace Officer's Bill of Rights to provide that a public safety officer's employer may not punish the officer for wearing a pin or displaying any other item containing the American flag – such as the "Remember 911" pins worn by LAPD officers after September 11. **AB 2846** passed the Assembly Public Employees Retirement and Social Security Committee on a 6-0 vote and goes to the Appropriations Committee.

On a final note, LAPPL supported federal tax conformity bills that passed the legislature and are now on the Governor's Desk. These bills, **AB 1122** (Corbett, D, San Leandro) and **SB 657** (Scott, D, Altadena) increase limits for 401 (K) plans for public employees from \$10,500 to \$15,000 by 2006, increase IRA limits, make rollovers easier, etc.

Essentially, these two bills will benefit member's retirement options.

We'll keep fighting the good fight in Sacramento for League members and I'll keep you posted on bills of interest, either at the League's website or at my website at www.calweb.com/~thby. More next time – until then, stay safe!

Congratulations to President Mitzi Grasso and the League Board for sticking to their guns throughout a very nasty and difficult fight with Chief Parks. Contrary to some public allegations, this was a fight over leadership, performance, and management. It was a fight over an unjust and oppressive disciplinary system. It was a fight, in reality, over the future of the Los Angeles Police Department. It was a fight that had *absolutely nothing* to do with the fact that Chief Parks was an African American!

There is probably no more difficult undertaking for the leadership of a police union than to take on their own chief or sheriff, knowing the retaliation that they and their members will eventually face. Simply put, it takes a lot of guts to take on a fight like that—and League members, to an officer should be proud of your leadership! Hopefully, whoever is appointed as the new chief will work closely with League leadership, closely examine the current policies and practices that created this mess, and then they will make some positive changes. League members will have to be very patient and understand that any changes will take some time and must also remember that there are some external limitations, such as the current consent decree. Hopefully, the appointment of a new chief will allow everyone to get off to a fresh start and begin to put behind the feelings of bitterness and acrimony.

The Latest News from NLEOMF Thanks Again Senator Campbell!

The United States Senate has passed a resolution, S. Res. 221, authored by U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO), acknowledging the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers. The purpose of this resolution is: "To commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers." Senator Campbell, a former

deputy sheriff, has spearheaded countless legislative initiatives on behalf of law enforcement. Most notably to us here at the NLEOMF, he authored a law enacted in 2000 to establish the National Law Enforcement Museum.

A full text of S. Res. 221 follows:

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Whereas more than 700,000 men and women, at great risk to their personal safety, presently serve their fellow citizens as guardians of peace;

Whereas peace officers are on the front line in preserving the right of the children of the United States to receive an education in a crime-free environment, a right that is all too often threatened by the insidious fear caused by violence in schools;

Whereas 70 peace officers died at the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001, the most peace officers ever killed in a single incident in the history of the nation;

Whereas more than 220 peace officers across the nation were killed in the line

of duty during 2001, 57 percent more police fatalities than the previous year, and the deadliest year for the law enforcement community since 1974;

Whereas every year one out of every nine peace officers is assaulted, one out of every 25 peace officers is injured, and one out of every 4,400 peace officers is killed in the line of duty; and

Whereas on May 15, 2002, more than 15,000 peace officers are expected to gather in Washington, D.C., to join with the families of their recently fallen comrades to honor those comrades and all others who went before them. Now, therefore, be it

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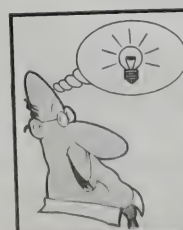
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For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Father Mike's Desert Refuge for Peace Officers is a Big Hit at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade

by Sergeant Michael Apodaca

Father Mike McCullough and his Desert Refuge for Peace Officers was a huge favorite at the City of Los Angeles' colorful and festive Saint Patrick's Day celebration and parade. The parade, held in the downtown business district, began at 3rd and Flower Streets, traveling south to 6th Street, then north on Flower. Thousands of local residents and business professionals enjoyed another beautiful and sunny March afternoon. Angelinos, many dressed in green from head to toe, were treated to all types of music including traditional Irish song, bagpipers, and a flavorful mix of Los Angeles civic spirit.

Father Mike McCullough, a highly visible Parish Priest in South Central Los Angeles and a *fine Irishman himself*, was again invited to attend the day's festivities to bring public notice to his Desert Refuge for Peace Officers (DRPO). A Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Chaplain for the past 26 years, Mike is the DRPO's executive director.

Father Mike says, "Through experience I have learned that many personal



Unknown Drill Team member and Father Mike.

and professional tragedies in the law enforcement community are preventable. To assist law enforcement families, the DRPO was built on five acres of desert solitude near Joshua Tree, California. The DRPO's mission is to offer peace officers and their families a place to gather strength and support for dealing with stress and crisis of life and their job in a place of hospitality and solitude.

The refuge welcomes all races, cultures, and faiths in the Catholic ecumenical spirit, to foster personal and spiritual awareness rooted in God's love for all."

Father Mike says, "We have come a

long way since the DRPO was conceived in 1986. However, we are in need of many things to accomplish all that we would like to do. Just one example is our need for someone with an accounting background to handle our budget."

You can be a part of Father Mike's vision to assist Law Enforcement officers and their families through your donation of time or materials for work parties, prayer, or tax deductible contributions. For further information, please contact Father Mike McCullough or members of the DRPO board of directors at Desert Refuge for Peace Officers, Inc., c/o Father Mike, 2515 W. Martin Luther King Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90008-2728; telephone: (323) 298-7174.

Father Mike says "what a great day" and invites everyone to attend next year's Saint Patrick's Day parade to enjoy the music, fun and community along with the DRPO.

Recruitment: Every Officer's Concern

by Captain Richard Webb
and Sergeant Ed Palmer
Recruitment and
Employment Division

Most everyone knows the Department is over 1100 officers short of its full complement of 10,054 police officers. This personnel shortage has dramatically affected the employees, the community, the Department and the League. While there are many reasons behind the personnel shortage, it is now time for all officers to re-dedicate themselves to returning this Department to its rightful place as a leader in law enforcement. There is only one way to do that...recruit and hire more qualified police officers.

Experience has proven that officers are our greatest recruiters. Officers know who is qualified and more importantly, whom they would like as their partner. Officers know how to get through the hiring process and often associate with highly qualified people. People recruited by police officers are often our best candidates.

Contrary to some popular urban rumors, background and hiring standards have not been lowered to get people into the Academy. In fact, the introduction of the mandatory polygraph as well as a more cooperative effort between the Personnel and Police Departments have made it even tougher to become a Los Angeles Police Officer. In the past two years over 25,000 people have taken the written exam, yet only 500 were hired in that same time period. Thanks to recent enhancements to the hiring process, including expedited testing, the Department is on pace to hire 650 officers per year. More importantly, the average officer can now expect to get through the process in approximately 120 days.

The City, in cooperation with the League, has made this job even more enticing. Recent changes in the pension system make it very lucrative and very competitive with agencies throughout the State. The Flexible Work Schedule (FWS) is now in place in patrol and could expand to other entities as well. The introduction of the DROP program is yet another appeal to recruit and retain police officers.

One of the greatest assets of joining this Department is the diversity it has to offer. A person can work a variety of assignments or rise to many different ranks in a relatively short period of time. Few other agencies offer this diversity. However without new officers, promotional opportunities dramatically decrease. Promotional lists will generally stagnate without adequate numbers of recruits coming into the Department.

The time has come to put all differences aside and strive to make the LAPD a great place to work with great people working here. It is everyone's responsibility to make that happen. The League and the Department are now working together to recruit officers into the Department. You will soon see a link from the League's web site to LAPD's recruiting web page. League directors will discuss recruitment whenever they address roll calls and recruitment materials are being featured at League offices. As always, the Recruitment Incentive still provides employees with a \$500 bonus for every person they recruit onto the LAPD.

You can make a difference in the future of this Department. Become an active recruiter for the Department. The person you recruit today could be your partner tomorrow. LAPD's recruitment hotline is 1-866-444-LAPD or lapdonline.org.

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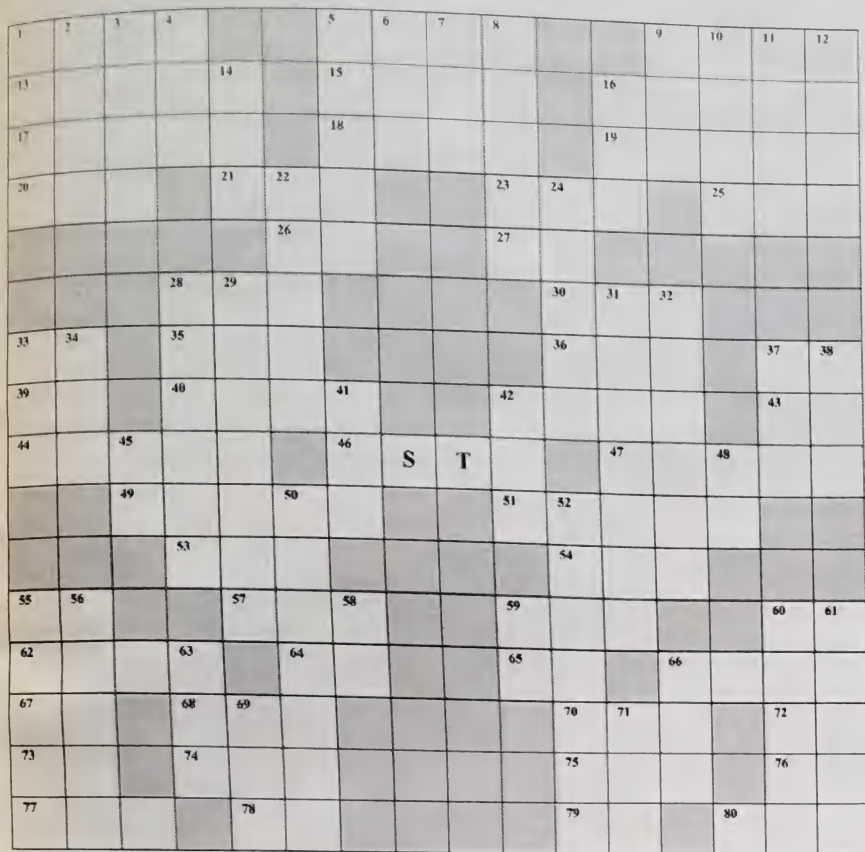
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COPS CROSSWORD

by Willie Mann



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1. Golf term.
5. Views.
9. Sail holder.
13. A Persian national.
15. ____ and found.
16. Man with an inferno.
17. Not under any condition.
18. Peruvian tribe.
19. Greek mountain Nymph.
20. Last name of John or Jane.
21. Guess, abbr.
23. Muscle spasm.
25. Ton, lb., and dram.
26. Sold ____ is.
27. Cute, green, pencil neck alien.
28. Soak up rays.
30. High card.
33. Rural st. or hwy.
35. Fort ____, Monterey.
36. Horror star Chaney.
37. Pa's wife.
39. Traffic Div. previously.
40. Gamma and Manta.
42. TV star Daly.
43. Windy city St.
44. First magnitude star in Cygnus.
46. Nick and Nora's dog.
47. ____ by fire.
49. Batch of grain for grinding.
51. Enterprise enemies.
53. Type of meal.
54. Dale's husband.
55. Academy torture, abbr.
57. Take five.
59. Buddy.
60. Black Hills St.
62. Singer Guthrie.
64. Raleigh's St.
65. Ave. or blvd.
66. Not "yep."
67. Similar to e.g.
68. A squealer.
70. Spanish for gold.
72. Indefinite article.
73. MD's assistant.
74. Sibling of sis.
75. Take by force.
76. Gas no longer used by LAPD.
77. Place for pigs.

78. Another type of tear-gas.
79. Three ft.
80. Golf ball holder.

DOWN

1. Discovery.
2. Twisted treat.
3. Type of party.
4. Tampa to Orlando Dir.
5. Cuts.
6. Long period of time (variation).
7. PC key.
8. California is one.
9. Disfigure.
10. Afresh.
11. RBI or ERA.
12. Turner and Kennedy.
14. Anger or fury.
16. What's up ____?
22. Actress/dancer Duncan.
24. Boot shaped country.
28. A matador.
29. Kind of knight.
31. Maxwell Smart's agency.
32. California crisis.
33. Real cool.
34. A man's clothing item.
37. Actress Farrow.
38. Each and every one.
41. Made a lap.
42. Old diet soft drink brand.
45. LAPD drug entity.
48. Being verb.
50. Lincoln's Secretary of War.
52. Speech appealing to emotions.
55. Socks and pant sets.
56. Catholic council of 1545.
58. Laptop or desktop, abbr.
59. End of letter letters.
60. The final frontier.
61. High mass per volume.
63. A spherical body.
66. San Francisco hill.
69. Where Joan was from?
71. Actor Steiger.

See answers on page 20 ♦

Take Time to Stop and Smell the Gunpowder-Setting the Record Straight.

by Sergeant Luis Segura
Training Division

An article in the May 2002 issue of the *Blue Line*, requires a response. As one of the supervisors in the Firearms Training Unit (FTU), I wish to take the opportunity to clarify the Department's policy regarding replacement of duty ammunition. The Department Manual, 3/611.20 reads as follows: "REPLACEMENT OF AMMUNITION. All ammunition required by this Chapter shall be replaced with new ammunition every six months."

Officer safety is the only reason that we are required to turn in the 20 extra rounds that were issued the previous factory qualification month. Turned-in ammunition is used for training purposes only. Invariably, when turned in ammunition is examined, we find that approximately 1% will not discharge because it is so oily, damaged or old. It is sad to see the poor condition and old age of some of the turned-in ammunition that we receive. During every semi-annual factory qualification month, the FTU receives service ammunition that has been unauthorized for several years. In order to minimize the likelihood that unauthorized or unsuitable ammunition finds its way into an officer's weapon, range personnel have been instructed to be scrupulous about insisting on the

return of the correct number of rounds of the correct caliber.

Like most officers on our Department, FTU officers who run qualification are professionals who do an outstanding job. I am proud of the fact that my officers refused to play "let's make a deal" with the author of last month's article. They made the correct decision when they turned him away, even though it would have been much easier to be nice guys and give him five rounds. I know that my officers can proudly look themselves in the mirror, not only because they followed Department policy, but more importantly because they are truly interested in the safety of their brother and sister officers.

I acknowledge that the underlying reason for the inflexibility of our policy should have been better explained to the author of the article. I apologize for the fact that I was not present to attempt to better communicate the policy. I would ask that any Department officer experiencing a problem like this or having a question or concern, to please stop by and speak to me or to another supervisor. I was probably at the Academy when the described incident occurred. An explanation from an FTU supervisor might have prevented some misinformation in an otherwise interesting article. ♦

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William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation

by Sergeant Steven H. Williams

The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation provided some important grants during the last month. The Foundation provided funds to enhance the West Point Leadership Program and the Continuing Education Delivery Plan (CEDP) Course. Any member of the Department who has attended these great programs knows the effort and commitment the instructors and involved personnel put forth to make them happen.

The Parker Foundation has funded the West Point Leadership Course Program since its inception. Classroom furniture, audio-visual equipment, televisions, instructor video tapes were all funded by the Foundation. In fact, the entire Jack Webb Building at the Academy, the home of the West Point Leadership Course, was completely refurbished in 1997 by the Board members of the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation. The Board of Directors is extremely proud of the programs successes and will continue

to fund new and improve ideas and equipment in the future.

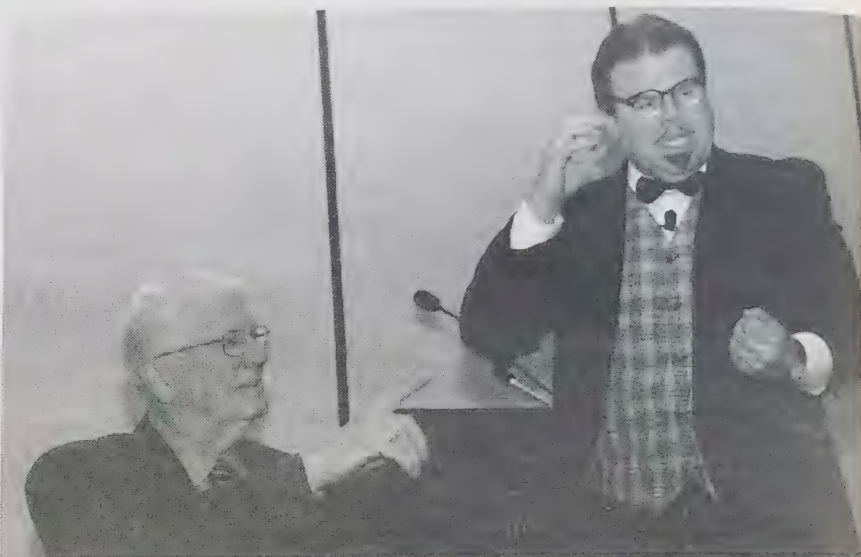
On April 24, 2002, the Board of Directors of the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation presented the inaugural William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation Life Time Award to the Board's President, Mr. William F. Hertz and Deputy Chief of Police David J. Gascon of the Los Angeles Police Department. The event was held at the City Club in downtown Los Angeles and featured an evening filled with friends and tributes to both gentlemen.

Both William F. Hertz and David J. Gascon have contributed a tremendous amount of time and effort to ensure the Foundation is able to continue to provide grants for training and equipment to the brave men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The evening featured the world famous comedy magician, Mr. Mysto, who provided a surprise roasting to Mr. Hertz and that was followed by heart-felt comments from the Board of Directors and friends of Mr. Hertz.



From left to right: Mr. Donald Bailey, Sergeant Steven H. Williams, Mr. William F. Hertz, Deputy Chief David J. Gascon, Mr. Jimmy Rideau and Mr. Ken Esteves presenting Mr. Hertz and Deputy Chief Gascon the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation Life Time Achievement Award at the City Club on April 24, 2002.



Mr. William F. Hertz, the President of the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation, gets roasted by world famous comedy magician, Mr. Mysto, aka John Carney, before receiving his Life Time Achievement Award from the Board of Directors.

Mr. Hertz has served as the Board President since 1995 and has been a member of the Board for 20 years.

Deputy Chief David J. Gascon was recognized for his involvement in the Foundation and his guidance to the Foundation for its blessings from the motion picture entertainment industry. QRZ Media, the creators of "LAPD Life on the Beat," have been supporters of the Foundation and its mission and that was a direct contribution from Deputy Chief Gascon.

The Board would like to recognize contributions of Don Tenney, Toby Russell, Cynthia Taylor, Paul Sierra, David

Perry, Susan Gregory of the City Club, John Carney, Regina J. Menez, Bill York and Master of Ceremonies, Sergeant Steven H. Williams, Mr. Ken Esteves and Mr. Don Bailey for making the event such a success.

For more information about the Parker Foundation, please view our website at www.lapdfoundation.com or contact the office at (213) 847-1226. The Foundation is always accepting financial contributions and in-kind donations from corporate donors. To find out how you can help the LAPD, give us a call at the above number.

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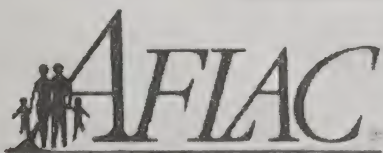
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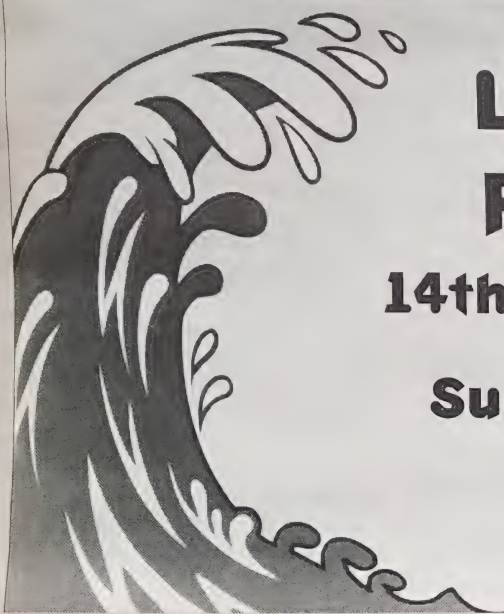
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Dear Officers and Community Members:

As you know, on Wednesday, April 17, the City Council voted 11 to 3 to uphold the decision of the Police Commission not to reappoint Chief Parks for a second term. Councilman Weiss pointed out no one is automatically entitled to a second term.

Thank you to all who e-mailed, faxed, phoned, testified and demonstrated with us. It was important that the powers that be had your support

and input from divisions all over the city so that they could make an informed decision. Although we cannot guarantee, we are extremely confident that our next chief will fully support and implement community policing. And the new chief had best not even think about taking away the Senior Leads! Many of our SLOs across the city are new. It will be up to the community and more seasoned

SLOs to help guide and make helpful suggestions to those who may not be aware of how successful the partnership between community and LAPD used to be. There is always room for improvement. This is also an opportunity to make the program even more effective and encourage involvement. Many people left Neighborhood Watch in disgust over the past few years. It will take a while to reinvestigate it.

As always, we encourage you to give input to the Police Commission (copies to the Mayor's office and City Council) about your expectations for leadership and suggestions for criteria for the next chief. As we know more about the process ourselves, we will pass that information on to you.

On February 26th, the Mayor's proposal to fully restore Senior Lead Officers was approved by the Police Commission. The Police Commission

ordered the Department to return to them with an update as to how the implementation was proceeding. Understandably, the SLO issue has not yet returned on the Police Commission agenda, but we will let you know when it does.

On a personal note, we wish to thank those of you who have been so supportive of us. What started out as a short letter writing campaign escalated into a major political issue. Your kind e-mails and phone calls helped us to know we were on the right track. Many of you could not appear in person with us but you voiced your support in other ways. Everyone did what he or she could, and we appreciate that.

Page Miller and Sandy Munz
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"True Stories of the LAPD"

from BARBARA NEWMAN PRODUCTIONS, INC.
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Barbara Newman Productions, a nationally-recognized, award-winning documentary production company, is currently in production on a two-hour documentary on the history of the LAPD, entitled "True Stories of the LAPD." This documentary was commissioned by the History Channel and will be aired in the fall. Barbara Newman Productions is familiar with law enforcement. Last year the company produced a two-hour history of the NYPD, which received high praise from both critics and members of the NYPD alike and was nominated for Emmy consideration. The producers of the show have already met with several members of the department and are receiving full support from them in this endeavor.

"True Stories of the LAPD" will focus on the vibrant and unique history of the LAPD, from the inception of the first police force in 1853 to modern day policing techniques as seen through the eyes of the LAPD, itself. To this end, Barbara Newman Productions is asking for any artifacts, photos or interesting stories that officers may have concerning the history of the police department. Anyone with information is asked to contact their associate producer, Maurice Patrykus at (323) 850-6553 office number, or (213) 840-4172 cell number, or contact Barbara Newman Productions directly at (202) 362-6946.

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The Blue Ribbon Campaign: A Brief History

Have you ever wondered how the Blue Ribbon Campaign in support of the men and women of the LAPD came to be?

Like many other organizations, the LAPD has a ribbon campaign established so that the community may recognize the outstanding efforts and dedication of the proud officers who make up our force. Although many officers may remember seeing blue ribbons as a symbol of support for LAPD officers, the history of how this program began may be unfamiliar to many of you.

Ed Cholakian, founder and past president of the Foothill Advisory Booster Association, went to every fabric store in Los Angeles in 1991 to buy blue ribbons, placed them on cards and began handing them out, encouraging others to wear them in support of LAPD officers. He based the campaign on the need for a boost in officer morale, particularly with negative nationwide attention focused on the department in the wake of the Rodney King beating and subsequent trial. Cholakian was concerned about the way that the officers of the LAPD were viewed in light of this incident, and wanted them to know that they were appreciated.

Deemed "Back the Blue," at the suggestion of former Deputy Chief Mark Kroeker (now head of the Portland Police Bureau), the campaign was focused on the notion that the whole department should not be tarnished by the actions of only a few officers, especially when the LAPD is made up of some of the finest police officers in the nation. The cards given out with the ribbons reflected this idea: "Displaying a blue ribbon represents support for the LAPD, our men and women in blue. While we do not condone the actions of a few, we heartily approve the dedication of the vast majority of our brave police officers." The campaign was a great success.

Cholakian first became involved with the LAPD as a member of North Hollywood PALS (Police Activities League) in 1960, then later as a member of Foothill PALS. In 1985, Cholakian met with then-Captain Larry Fetters of Hollywood

Division (who had transferred there from Foothill) in order to work on establishing a citizen support group at Foothill. The following year, Cholakian founded the Foothill Advisory Booster Association.

Cholakian remains committed to supporting the officers of the LAPD, 47 years after he first joined PALS, and hopes that the Blue Ribbon campaign he initiated ten years ago will continue indefinitely so that officers will always remember that the community supports them.

He is involved in numerous community activities that support both the police department and the community at large. Cholakian is currently Vice President of Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID), Vice President of the Foothill Jeopardy Program and a member of the Board of the LAPD Historical Society. He recently founded and is the Chairman of the Valley Traffic Advisory Council (VTAC), which supports the efforts of all of the members of Valley Traffic. He is also a member of the Board for International Guiding Eyes Foundation (assisting with guide dogs for the blind) and was a founding member of the LAPD Citizen Support Group.

For Cholakian's contributions to the LAPD and the community, he has been honored with numerous awards. The Olive View Medical Center Foundation honored him with the Nelle Reagan Award for distinguished community service. He has also been recognized as the L.A. Police Revolver and Athletic Club's Citizen of the Year and received the Oak Leaf Award, the PTA's highest honor. In 1986, Cholakian represented Southern California as a Delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business.

Cholakian's accomplishments, both personally and professionally, are numerous, much more than the short list summarized here. However, the officers of the LAPD will forever be grateful to Cholakian for standing up for them and honoring them, particularly during one of the most difficult times the department ever faced.

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April Meeting:

On April 16, 2002 Police Post 381 had its regular meeting in Panorama City at Panorama Post 317. Homemade dinner by Elvia Ledesmer & 1st Vice Richard Ledesmer was served, and consumed. The normal donation of \$5 was collected by Sgt-at-Arms Richard Kalk. Commander Zimmerman once again held a professionally run meeting. Naturally, you just get used to everything and bingo-you're out, and we have a new commander! Richard Ledesmer will probably head straight to the kitchen before he realizes he's the new Commander in July. Oh well, we who have been there, know how it goes. Somehow it always works out.

Los Angeles Police Motorcycle Drill

April 12, 13 & 14 the Drill Team was once again in Pacific Grove for the 15th Annual Police Motorcycle competition. A fun weekend for everyone..members..family..and friends. Friday the m/c's arrive. They are unloaded and cleaned. Meanwhile the two most important m/c's, the ones entered in the competition are being shined and cleaned and shined and cleaned, etc. After all the m/c's are unloaded, cleaned, put away in the city garages and the car carrier (the one that hauls the m/c's up) is parked, it's about 4/5pm and time to return to the motel and get ready for dinner. Friday night is for dinner and visiting. AND last minute preparation for Saturday mornings inspection. Tummy's are tight! Saturday starts with getting up at 5am so you have time for a fast shower, shave, get your uniform on and be down at the inspection area and ready for the 7am inspection. At 7am the MARINES arrive. Surprise! This year the inspecting party is made up of Captains with two Majors in charge, WOW! When they inspect you'd think you were going through a pressured interview for entry into the academy. During the interview they would constantly change the subject. Instead of all the questions being about Police they would throw in..what's your partner's wife's name? Then, what caliber is your weapon? Then does your partner have any children? Etc. The inspection only lasts approximately two

hours, then it's breakfast for the contestants,(if your stomach and nerves will allow you to eat) while the drill team prepares for the parade. Immediately after the parade the competition begins. You are allowed three runs through the cones. First two are for practice the third is timed and graded. At the start, you begin with your front tire in a square, and when you come racing up and stop, you're front tire must be inside that same square. You're graded on precision riding with your partner, every cone knocked over counts, a foot down on the pavement counts, etc. etc. When you finish, believe me, you're glad it's over. This year our competition team was Bob Williamson and Gil Murillo.

State Convention

This year the American Legion State Convention will be held in Bakersfield June 19-23. We will be based at the Double Tree Hotel. If you don't have your reservations in yet, contact Frank Ortiz immediately for a room. Once again we will be entertained by Woody Baca with his "Born to Be Wild" karaoke system for an evening of singing and laughing, at ourselves. And, Rick Leiphardt and JJ Leonard will once again handle our hospitality suite. Naturally, our own Bruce

Thiesen, Past National Commander will preside at our Police Post 381 installation of officers for 2002/2003.

Special Days

- **May 15:** Police Memorial Day
- **May 18:** Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance, with our M/C Drill Team in attendance
- **May 21:** Tree Planting ceremony out at the Sheriff's Honor Rancho-\$5 for a wonderful dinner, after a patriotic memorial. If you have never attended-you'll be impressed!
- **June 8:** Remember the 34 dead and 171 wounded from the USS Liberty June 8, 1967
- **June 14:** Flag Day and the United States Army's birthday-227 years old
- **June 18:** Legion Steak Fry at the Police Academy.

The Next Meeting of Police Post 381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is July 18, 2002, FREE, it's our Annual Steak Fry up at the Police Academy, 6pm.

For information on the meeting, please call Commander Bill Zimmerman at (818) 342-3645 or Adjutant Frank Ortiz at (626) 331-4271.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.



by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Can you believe it's June already? Time sure flies when you are having fun. We **ARE** having fun, are we not? May you have a wonderful summer in the company of your loved ones and don't forget to turn around every 15 minutes to avoid sunburn.

Congratulations



Maria Rombos and daughter at the awards ceremony in Vegas.

We salute and congratulate this year's Hollenbeck Road Runner team as they captured a mug at the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay event. Even though it was difficult at times and many obstacles were encountered, the Roadrunners met the challenge head on and finished the race, placing 12th and winning a mug in the invitational category. It was an outstanding effort from all those involved. A special thanks to all support personnel, who made it possible for the Hollenbeck runners to finish strong.

Retirement Reminder

Just a reminder that we are getting together on Friday, June 14th to say goodbye to a very special person. Sgt. **Rick Faulkner** has retired and all that is left is the big party to send him off properly. That event will take place at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant in the City of Montebello. If you wish to join us for a cocktail, please be there by 5:30 p.m. If not, dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m. There will, of course, be the obligatory "roast" after dinner. I wonder if we will see Sgt. **George "pelon" Spitzer** there. If so, I hope he behaves, as this will be a bible-reading group. I hope to see you all there. For more information or to obtain tickets, please call Senior Lead Officer **Cynthia Gonzales** at (323) 526-3175.

Milestone

Congratulations go out to Detective **Bill Eagleson** on reaching a very special milestone in his illustrious career. Bill was recently presented with his twenty-five year pin in a ceremony held at Parker Center. During his long tenure, Bill



25 years on the job.

has distinguished himself on many fronts. Alongside Bill at the ceremony was Hollenbeck alumni **Carey Ricard**, who also received his twenty-five year pin and Carey's lovely wife **Patty**, who is our Captain's secretary. Bill and Carey, thank you for your long, dedicated and unselfish service to this department and to the citizens of our great city.

Hello

We would like to extend a warm Hollenbeck welcome to Sgt. **Al Cota**, who returned to Hollenbeck after a stint at

Division. Welcome to the wonderful eastside. I am sure you will both enjoy your stay.

Goodbye

Again, we have more personnel leaving that we have arriving. Somehow, these numbers still don't quite add up. Anyway, we say so long and good tidings to Sgt. **Art Stone** (we lose all the good ones) now supervising patrol troops on the streets of 77th Division. We also say goodbye to Detective **E. Garcia**, now assigned to Southeast Division. **Suzie Salinas** is now working RMG, after being assigned to Hollenbeck Vice. **M. Lorenz** is now serving the citizens of 77th Division while **L. Alvarado** and **R. Camarillo** are now patrolling Rampart Division. Last but not least, we say adios to **E. Quach**, now at Southwest Division. Good luck to all of you in your respective new assignments.

Que Paso?

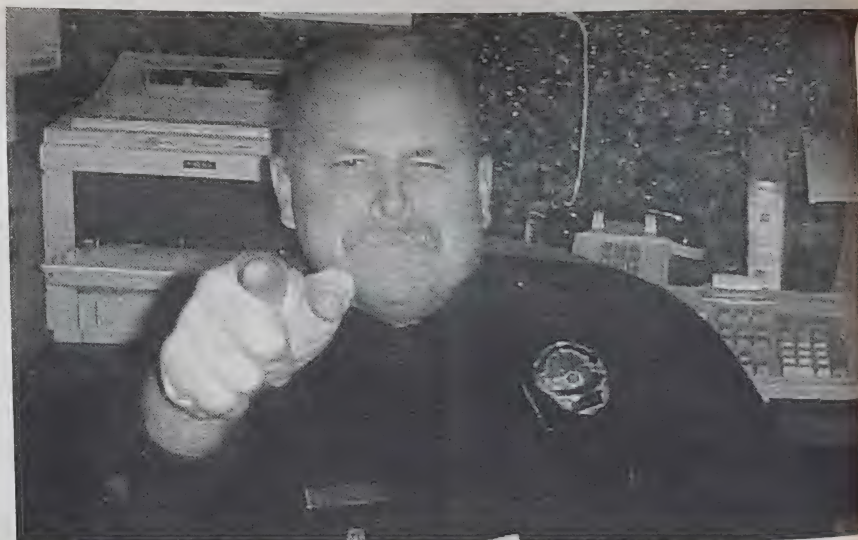
This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **George "I snore real loud" Leyva**. Next year you are getting your own room in Vegas, Bud!

The time has arrived for me to get back to you-know-what. See you all next month. Be safe and take care of yourself and the special people in your lives. ♦

Hollenbeck Division Supports Bobby Brogleman for LAPD Chief!

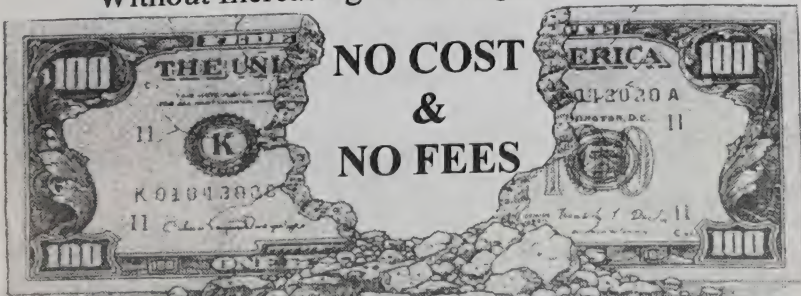
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—Matt P., Police Officer, Orange County

Out of the Great Southwest

by Sharon McTiernan
Southwest Division

Hello everyone! After a long break, Southwest is finally back in the *Blue Line*!!

Welcome to Our New Captain!

All of us at Southwest Division would like to give a belated welcome to our new Commanding Officer, Capt. III **Morris T. Smith** from South Traffic Division. Capt. Smith was appointed to the department in October, 1973, and has served in a variety of assignments throughout his career. Capt. Smith has an open door policy for all officers and firmly believes that "family comes first." We look forward to working with you, sir, and hope you enjoy your stay at Southwest.

Retirement Announcement

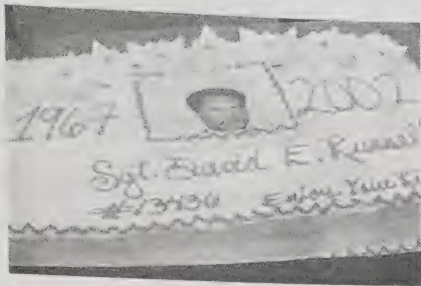
After 34 years and 9 months, Sgt. **David Russell**, #13436, retired on May



Captain Smith and Sergeant Russell.

1, 2002. Sgt. Russell joined the LAPD on July 31, 1967, and was assigned to work at Venice Station. He was promoted to Sgt. 1 in February, 1975 (that was before I was born!) and has spent most of his time at Southeast and Southwest. He will be remembered for always feeding the pigeons and doing crossword puzzles. On May 1, 2002, we had the wonderful opportunity to say goodbye to Sgt. Russell by giving him a going away barbecue

with friends and family. Thanks to Sgt. **Sandoz** and Officer **Ford** for organizing this event, which was a great surprise to Sgt. Russell. Congratulations Sgt. Russell, you will be greatly missed!



Sergeant Russell's retirement cake!



The Southwest gang.

Baker to Vegas

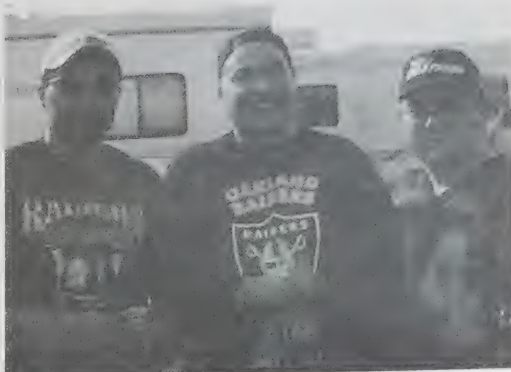
Congratulations to this year's Southwest Baker to Vegas team, which was led by Sgt. **Alaniz** and team captain Sgt. **Lopez**. Southwest competed in the mixed team category and placed 11th overall. A pat on the back goes to Sgt. **Roussel** for not only playing in the Baker to Vegas Bowl (he had six receptions for a total of 100 yards, including two for touchdowns), but also for running leg two shortly after the game. Lt. **Strenk** also deserves a pat on the back for running leg 20 and not succumbing to the heat unlike a certain Sheriff!

Wedding Bells

On March 14, 2002, Officer **Ryan Whiteman** and Officer **Yvonne Medina** (WTD) were married in Maui, Hawaii. Congratulations to the both of you. Congratulations also go to Officer **Ian Ward** and his wife, Janene, who were recently married and are expecting their first child.

New Additions to the Southwest Family

We have a few new additions to the Southwest family: Officers **Linda** and **Ricardo Ortega** celebrated the birth of their baby boy, Andrew, on March 6, 2002, weighing in at 8 lbs., 6 oz. and measuring 20-1/2 inches. Officer **Mezquita** and his wife, Dina, had a baby girl born on April 24, 2002, at 7:10 p.m., weighing in at 7 lbs., 5.6 oz., and measuring 19 inches. Officers **Miriam** and **Isreal**



Hector Jaramillo, Roy Escalante and Freddy Arroyo.

Bronco fan. However, here is some evidence that shows he is a little confused about which team he really likes.

Here is Sgt. Escalante, Det. Arroyo, and Det. Jaramillo (BAD) at a Raiders game.

Ins/Outs of Southwest

Welcome to the following: Sgt. **Hagerty**, #31740, from 77th Div.; Sgt. **Kowalsky**, #31229, from RMG; Sgt. **Smith**, #25014, from PAC; Det. **McDowell**, #23299, from WIL; P-2 **Quach**, #35870, from HOBK; P-2 **Gallegos**, #35849, from HWD; P-2 **Rodriguez**, #35823, from HWD; P-2 **Ivens**, #35855, from NEWT; P-2 **Soto**, #35876, from NEWT; P-2 **Flores**, #34220, from TBD; and P-2 **Mancia**, #35861, from WIL. We know you'll enjoy your time at Southwest.

Farewell to the following: Officer **Purece**, #32488, who made P-3 at Ram-part SEU and the following P-1s who successfully completed probation: P-2 **Rothemich**, #35874, and P-2 **Ruiz**, #35825, who will be going downtown to COMM; P-2 **Reyes**, #35871, going to WTD; P-2 **Castillo**, #35199, will also be going to WTD. We hope you enjoy your new assignments.

Well, guys, that's all the news from Southwest for this month. Stay safe out there!

Ramirez also had a baby girl recently and Officer **Stacy Shindo** had a baby boy named Aidan. Congratulations to all of you!

Congratulations to Sgt. **David Burrus** who was named Sergeant of the Quarter, Det. **Heehay Cho** who received the Detective of the Quarter award, Senior Equipment Mechanic **David Moore** who received the Civilian of the Quarter award and Officer **Jason De La Cova** who was named Officer of the Quarter.

Raiders or Broncos?

It seems the word around the station is that Sgt. Escalante is a big Denver

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Rob Golden
Newton Division

Baker To Baker

I feel that the important thing to remember is not how one Newton Officer failed the rest of the division by deciding not to show up for his leg of the race, but how the rest of you came together, trained, and sacrificed your time, money and bodies for your friends and co-workers. Even though the outcome of this year's Baker To Vegas race wasn't what any of us had hoped for, all of you who were part of the running and support teams has still made Newton Area very proud. On behalf of the guys and girls that were stuck here working on Baker To Vegas weekend, we thank all of you that went, and represented.

Go CODE-6

I recently had the distinct pleasure of sitting in on my own "use of force review board."

There's one thing that I realized that day. There is no such thing as a flawless use of force. The deputy chiefs and command staff that sat in on my board took a perfectly good shooting, and made it look like a circus. However, **Chief York** and **Chief Pannell** wanted me to give everyone the following message, and being the good subordinate that I am, here goes:

Go Code-6 at all costs.

I won't go into the chain of events that led up to the incident, but I will say that there was absolutely, positively no chance for me to get on the radio and advise communications that we were Code-6 prior to engaging the suspect. My partner and I were confronted in a spontaneous encounter by an armed "third striker" who would rather shoot it out, than go back to the joint. We did what we had to do, and subsequently captured the suspect who is now serving time in Chino.

Instead of objectively evaluating our shooting, and making a determination based on the facts presented, the Board lumped in every other shooting that has occurred in Newton in the past five years. We got dinged for not going C-6 because

of a few other incidents in Newton where officers didn't or couldn't broadcast.

Chiefs Willie Pannell and Peggy York made it painfully clear that the next set of officers from Newton that get involved in an OIS, and don't go C-6 before engaging the threat will be issued a "one point two eight" and sent to a different kind of board. My incident, according to Chief Pannell is the last incident that is going to be ruled "in policy". The officers involved in the next one won't be as lucky as my partner and I.

They who sit in the "Ivory tower" (Chief York's reference to Parker Center) want you all to understand that it doesn't matter what tactical situation you find yourself in, as long as you give first priority to advising communications of your location. Even if it means taking a few rounds of hostile fire.

Before you unholster that Smith and Wesson, you'd better unholster that Motorola. Because it's more important to talk on the radio than it is to save you or your partner's life. And if you don't, then stand-by to stand-by.

Hey, maybe we should change it from "IDOL" to "IDOLAB" (Immediate Defense Of Life After Broadcasting).

Cases like mine are ones where a good "Peer Member" can make the difference. As a peer member on a board, a P-II or P-III can give invaluable insight to the rest of the board. He or she can show the Commanders and Chiefs what it's like to be on the streets of today's Los Angeles. It's one of the only places where your vote is equal to any of theirs. As a peer member, you can help a good hard-working cop to keep his package clean.

If you would like to apply to be a peer on a use of force review board, contact the Use Of Force Review Section (213) 485-6974.

Ins-N-Outs

I would like to welcome **Lenny McKenzie** to Newton Street. Lenny comes to us from Transit Division. Please go by the desk and say hello. He's a good Cop, bad fisherman, but a good Cop.

Newton Scoop

If you have any stories or photographs that you would like to see published in The Newton Street section of *The Thin Blue Line*, please forward them to myself, **Rob Golden** in O.S.D., or to Jeff Churchill in the Training Office.

Items of interest that are received prior to the first of the month will be included in the following month's edition.

Happy Mothers Day Moms!! ♦

Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

Greetings

I would like to extend a very GIANT thank you and announce my extreme gratitude to Blue Line Associate Editor **Helen McVay** and Editor **Don Lint** for giving us space in the "color" section of the newspaper. And an "extra special" thank you to Helen for working so patiently with me on the last article submitted. You're an angel, Helen. I promise I won't call and bug you so much anymore (well, at least not until the next article).

Changes

Transfer Order #5 came out and the following change of personnel is now effective: incoming to the Harbor from Pacific Division on an upgrade from P-3 to Sgt.1 is **Richard Gabaldon**; incoming from Rampart Division is Sgt.1 **Michael Cryer**; on an upgrade from Metro as a P-3 is **Richard Eirich**, now a D-1. Outgoing to Central Division is Sgt.1 **Darry Lewis**; gone to Management Services Division is P-3 **John Lortz**; gone to 77th Division is P-2 **Luis Navarrete**; gone to Transit Bus Division is P-2 **Tad Robinette**; and lastly, gone to Wilshire Division is P-2 **Philip Okamoto**.

Catch-up

There are a few items, that for lack of space, haven't been mentioned. As you may or may not know, the Harbor Basketball team was the 2001 "C" League Champs, and this year after again playing diligently, they became the 2002 "B" League Champs in March. Coach **Dan Ornelas** (D-1) and his players **Rogelio Reynoso** (P-3); **Mark Maldonado** (P-2); **Ladole Morris** (P-2); **Jon Mayes** (Sgt.1) **Hans Baemayr** (D-2); **Antonio Delatorre** (P-2); **Maligi "Jr" Nua** (P-2); **Matt Jones** (P-2); and **John Martin** (P-3) all contributed to a great team effort. During the double elimination championship tournament, Harbor played and beat Newton Division twice, earning their spot as Champs. Coach Ornelas added that his team was one of the shortest and smallest compared to the other teams, but their hearts were BIG with intestinal fortitude and the desire to win. Congratulations and plenty of "attaboys" to go

around for our Harbor Basketball Team. Second on the list and out in the North 40" of our station sits our Community Relations Office. To show their patriotic spirit, CRO officers P-2 **Pat Monroy** and P-2 **Ariel Popoy** teamed up and created a beautiful three-dimensional American Flag, which is now displayed on the wall of the Harbor Area Community Relations trailers. So, while the troops are anywhere in the patrol parking lot, either coming or going, they get to see Old Glory standing proud, thank to Officers Monroy and Popoy.

As you all know, CRO has a lot of interaction with the community, and one of those interactions is the Deputy Auxiliary Police (DAP) program. Geared for kids ages 9 - 13 years, it allows them to participate in activities that help instill a sense of community pride, self-discipline, and leadership ability. The DAP



A group of the DAP program kids along with Officer Pat Monroy (far left end) and Officer Terri Williams (far right end) headed for the L.A. Zoo.

program in Harbor is alive and well, as we have over 40 youths participating. The program is headed by P-2 **Terri Williams**, and we hear she does a great job of providing the kids with a variety of adventures. Recently, Officer Williams and her fellow CRO officers **Pat Monroy** and P-2 **Alma Skefich** took the kids to the Los Angeles Zoo for a day of fun, and believe it or not, no one got lost or tried to climb into the lion cages.

Lastly, inquiring minds want to know, who won the Harbor Chili Cook-off



Winners of the Harbor Chili Cook-Off contest, (right to left) OSD Captain I Andy Smith, Patrol Officer John Hunt, and MAC Detective Tina Bavouset, with Area Captain Julie Nelson awarding the prizes.

back in April? Well, it just so happens that I have the names of the winners and they are as follows: 1st Place went to Capt.1 **Andy Smith**; 2nd Place went to P-3 **John Hunt**; and 3rd Place went to D-1 **Tina Bavouset**. The official judges were Lt.1 **Faryl Fletcher**, D-3 **Charles Markel**, and P-2 **Steve Erikson**.

In Closing

Well, if I forgot anything else, track me down and let me know. Apologies to my classmate, **Kathy**. Girlfriend, I didn't know. Hope you're feeling better these days, and well wishes to all our IOD and ill brothers and sisters in blue. And **Ronnie**, I haven't forgotten your ideas. In the meantime, everyone be smart, be safe, be sound, and keep on dancing. ♦



Officer Pat Monroy (left) and Officer Ariel Popoy (right) standing next to the American Flag they made for Harbor Division.

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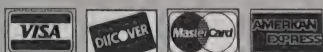
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VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia Grzelkowska
Van Nuys Division

RECENT EVENTS

On April 21, the Van Nuys Area along with Metropolitan Division and officers from throughout the valley participated in the 53rd anniversary of Israel's Independence Day at Woodley Park. Over 40,000 people attended the event that occurred without incident. Attendees enjoyed music and food from Israel and the event was highlighted by speeches from both Governor Gray Davis and Mayor Jim Hahn. The event was deemed a success by all involved.

Welcome back to Detective I **John Eum!** John returned after having extensive knee surgery. Glad to have you back.

Recent changes due to the departments supervisor cross-training program, Sergeant II **Richard Thomas** is now assigned to OSD working the MAC table, and Detective III, **Erwin Velasco** is now the day watch Watch Commander. Way to cross train!

Six Van Nuys Explorers, along with other selected explorers from other divisions, formed the LAPD/YPU team. This special formulated team competed in the Annual Explorer Colorado River Competition held in Needles, Arizona on April 9th through April 14th. The LAPD/YPU team placed 2nd team overall out of approximately 96 teams and took home seven trophies. Great job explorers!

COPPER CAPERS

Officers **Reagan** #35032, **Casciani** #35675, **Avila** #35751 and **Hewitt** #34862 responded to a radio call of an "Attempt suicide in progress." The subject of the call was described as a male who was slashing his wrists with a large knife. Upon arrival at the location, all four officers observed the subject seated on the living room sofa, holding an 8" butcher knife to his already bleeding wrists. The officers quickly devised a plan and took up their positions in preparation for their deployment. Officer Reagan initiated a dialogue with the suicidal subject. While maintaining a safe distance, he calmly spoke to the subject and attempted to persuade him to drop the knife. The subject told the officer that he was not going to drop the knife and

that he wanted the officers to kill him. Officer Reagan continued speaking to him in a calm and conversational manner and after several minutes, was able to convince the subject to discard the knife. The subject was then taken into custody without incident. Outstanding job! This is a situation that could have easily escalated into a fatal confrontation but due to the efforts of all the officers involved, was quickly resolved without any force.

Two robbery suspects, not to mention gang members, are arrested due to the diligent work of Officers **Gardner** #32848, **Barragan** #35987, **Chappell** #32156, **Martin** #33678, **Dain** #35634, **Pearce** #34007, **Munoz** #32299 and **Hewitt** #34862. A radio call of a 211 that had occurred at Sam's Liquor Store was broadcasted. The broadcast stated that the suspect was a male Hispanic last seen exiting the parking lot in a red mini van with a bicycle on the roof fleeing the location. Officers Gardner and Barragan observed a red Plymouth minivan with a bicycle on the roof and requested a back-up and an airship. Officers Chappell and Martin responded to the location and conducted a traffic stop. They detained the suspects pending further investigation. Officers Munoz and Hewitt went back to the liquor store to locate the PR for a field show up. The PR identified both suspects as the ones that had committed the robbery. Officers Dain and Pearce observed that the bicycle on the roof of the vehicle resembled a bicycle that was stolen earlier that evening. They also noticed that the suspects that were detained closely resembled the suspects in their previous incident. They also conducted a follow up to their victims' location. The victims positively identified the suspects as the ones that had committed their robbery. One of the victims was able to identify the bicycle. Great work guys!

IN'S, UP'S AND OUT'S OF VAN NUYS

Coming in: Sgt I **B. Fitchpatrick** #24327, Sgt I **H. Matthews** #24142, Det I **V. Lim** #30780, P2 **L. Garcia** #35726, P2 **K. Beard** #35841

Leaving: Sgt I **R. Gibby** #17559 (to Devonshire), Sgt I **A. Solis** #30412 (to Wilshire), Det I **S. Calderon** #27655 (to West Valley), P3 **K. Royce** #32126 (to MSD), P2 **M. Marrache** #24874 (to Devonshire), P2 **J. Faber** #35848 (to Rampart), P2 **R. Porras** #33070 (to Rampart)

Promotions: P3+1 **D. Ham** #25717, P3 **M. Hammett** #34278, and P3 **R. Puettmann** #31419.

P.S. David Ham, you did it, you're finally a SLO! Miracles do happen. Congratulations to all and best of luck! ❖

North Hollywood news

by Angie Hougen
North Hollywood Division

Baker to Vegas Team Captures 9th Place

Congratulations to the North Hollywood Baker Vegas Team. The team placed 9th in the Mixed Division, their best showing ever. Team Captains **Nancy Reeves** and **Diana Sanchez** expressed their appreciation to the runners, who showed dedication to their training, and commitment throughout the race. The Captains also wanted to recognize the outstanding work of their support team, especially **Rick Massa**, who helped tie up last minute loose ends.



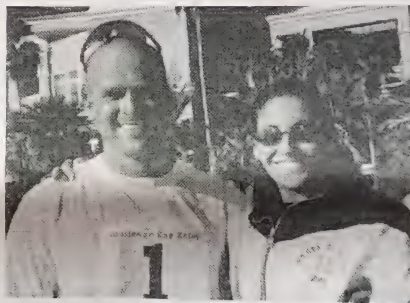
Newlyweds Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Kirkman, just married Baker to Vegas weekend.



Theresa Gordon and Diana Sanchez at Diana's baby shower.



North Hollywood running and support team at the finish line.



Steve and Theresa Gordon at Baker to Vegas.

Runners: **Fabiola Alfaro**, **Carlos Camacho**, **John Caprarello**, **Ed Collado**, **Miriam Cooper**, **Darcy Cornwell**, **Ed Dominguez**, **Maria Frommeling**, **Theresa Gordon**, **Art Hernandez**, **Ed Herrera**, **Martin Higuera**, **Ron Hodges**

(narcotics), **Christopher Hoffman**, **Doug Humphrey**, **Kyle Kirkman** (narcotics), **Alex Martinez**, **James Miller**, **Mark O'Donnell**, **Oscar Ontiveros**, **Ken Sanchez**, **Matt Stout**, **Craig Taylor**, **Roger Watson**, and **Esther Vasquez**.

Support Team: **Mike Avila**, **Doug Bowler**, **Ruben Derma**, **Ramon and Robin Espinosa**, **Jake Fernandez**, **Cathy Parker**, **Nick Pool**, **Mark Pursel**, **Bob**

Rowedder, **Mike Perez**, **Bob Schlesinger**, **Jerry Theaker**, and **Harry VanVorst**.

Baker to Vegas was especially memorable for our runner **Kyle Kirkman**. He and his wife **Camille** were married that weekend. Congratulations, and best wishes for a long and happy marriage.

Officer of the Month

Fabiola Alfaro was selected as North Hollywood Officer of the Month for May, 2002. Officer Alfaro joined the Department in 1997, and has been at North Hollywood, since 1999. She is one of our Baker to Vegas runners, and a hard working patrol officer. She will return to Vegas in June, to marry fellow runner **Doug Humphrey**. Congratulations! ❖

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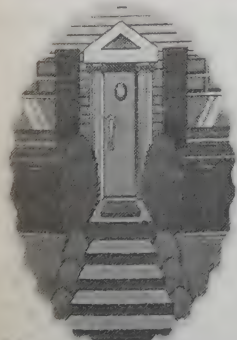
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

1 Northeast Corner

by Susan Loera
Northeast Division

Det Carrillo and Sgt Sandoval put together an outstanding Northeast Baker to Vegas running team. The runners all put forth good effort and mugged. The team came in 7th place in its category. Thank you to all our runners and the support team. Everyone seemed to have a safe and great time in Las Vegas. Now it's time to put the mugs down and start training for next year's winning team!

Our softball team needs a little help. There is a lot of team spirit and we finally won a game (against Hollenbeck). Hey, we are out there for the spirit of the game. Wish them luck!

Commendable Capers

On March 28, 2002 Officers Eagle-son, #30095 and Rousett, #31602, were working in their assigned FASTRAC area near the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Bates Avenue. While checking a parked vehicle that had a stolen registration tab on it, they were approached by a male who began inquiring about personal property inside the vehicle. During their conversation, the officers recognized the male as an outstanding burglary suspect that was named on a crime report. The male was taken into custody and booked for 459 PC, Burglary.

On March 30, 2002, Officers Morales #34656 and Arteaga #32722, Special Enforcement Unit, Gang Detail, were in the area of North Figueroa Street and Avenue 55 monitoring gang and narcotic activity. The officers observed activity

around a parked vehicle. The passenger in the vehicle was observed drinking out of a bottle partially covered up by a brown paper bag. Officers recognized the individual as a gang member who was on parole. Officers approached the vehicle for further investigation of drinking in public. The driver was observed tossing unknown matter towards the rear seat. The actions, along with the officers' narcotic expertise, led the officers to form the opinion that the driver was attempting to discard narcotics inside the vehicle. The narcotics were recovered and the driver was arrested for possession of cocaine. The passenger was arrested for a parole violation.

On April 15, 2002, Sergeant Staats initiated extra patrol at the Chevron gas station at the Northwest corner of Eagle Rock Blvd and Verdugo Rd when he observed a 1998 Honda Accord, 4-door Gold, parked unattended in the marked handicapped parking stall. There were no other vehicles in the gas station or the parking lot and there were only two people inside the Chevron mini-mart. The rear license plate was partially hanging down. Sergeant Staats vehicle status checked revealed the vehicle was stolen from San Bernardino on March 22, 2002. Sergeant Staats quickly requested additional units to conduct an investigation for grand theft auto. Officers Zavala, Berumen, Placencia and Amancio responded to the location to assist Sergeant Staats. The officers conducted a high-risk traffic stop and detained the suspects without incident. The officers also recovered narcotics during their investigation. The driver was placed under arrest for driving a vehicle without the owner's consent with a request for an additional charge on possession of methamphetamine.

Coming and Going

Detective Emme is leaving us to go to Southeast. Coming to us is Detective Mota from Narcotics Division and Detective Valdes from West LA. Good-bye, hello and good luck to you all. ❖



by Trey Baskett
Hollywood Division

B2V

This year's Baker to Vegas finish saw Team Hollywood climb fourteen notches to take 27th overall and 3rd Place in the Mixed Division. Ahead of all other LAPD mixed teams I might add. Team Captain Sgt. Glen Hees fielded the following group of dedicated runners: Bryan Dameworth, Dan Gonzalez, Jenny Hennington, Mike Brose, Liz Estupinain, Mike Seguin, Mike Skiff, Al Rosa, Cat Rymza, Sgt. John Martinez, Commander Gary Brennan, Kevin Burke, Hugo Gutierrez, Rosa Torres, Glen Hees, Tom Deckleman, Francesca Dearmond, Sgt. Alan Hamilton, James Sterling, Dave Ashley, Jim Linder, Yolanda

Caterino, Kevan Beard, and Arthur Gallegos. Yes, I ran too. We were supported by a tireless cadre of other officers, civilians and family members. We could not have been successful without them. They are among others: Captain Mike Downing, Sheryl Rush, Jeff Sandwell, Adrienne Collins, Floyd Toledo, Antonio Enriquez, Sgt. Cliff Humphris, Sgt. Dan Hudson, Sgt. Ed Russell, Jose Alvarez, Mo Morales, Sgt. Paul Stropkai, Jay Ealy, Tim Russell, Rich Carlin, Captain Patrick Findley, Leo Ortega, Orlando Diaz, Al Killion, Lea Lopez, Jackie Montalvo, Catherine Massey, and Sean Havican. Sgt Jim Mateer (Ret.), former Team Hollywood Captain, dropped me an e-mail to congratulate the runners and support personnel on a job well done.

As if we didn't have enough on our minds getting ready for "The Race" we also had to prepare for "The Inspection". That's right. All of Hollywood had to stand for inspection on March 24th just three short days after Baker To Vegas. Hardly enough time to detox. Lactic acid that is...builds up in the muscles and all. From those long runs you know. I digress. Deputy Chief Kalish gave the station and troops the once over and declared us fit and ready for action. The sun stayed mer-

just gave up without a fight. We were hoping for a use of force. You've seen countless photos of station inspections but you've never seen Glen Jackson's choppers. Here he is blowing off a little steam after the event.

Quarterly Honors

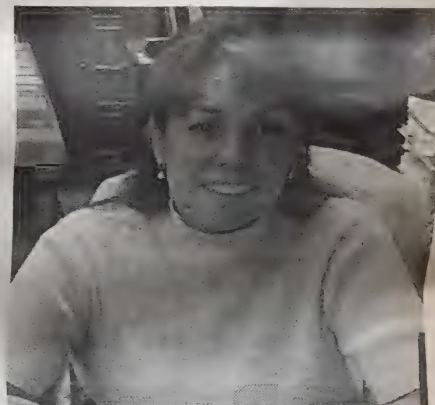
Hollywood Area has chosen Claude Graham and Michael Foster to share Officer(s) Of The First Quarter 2002 honors. These guys epitomize the legendary P2 Dog work ethic famous within the LAPD. Rarely do you see the partners enter the back door of the station without multiple arrestees. They've had Hollywood's worst on the run since March of 2001 and the community has benefited greatly from their teamwork. Between arrests they can always be found backing other officers on calls and never fail to lend a helping hand. Try getting the air for a traffic stop or Code 10 while these guys are on duty. Add some stripes and a nod and you could mistake them for a



Officers Michael Foster and Claude Graham.

METRO car. 114 might be lucky enough to have them one day.

Detective Rose Angel-Rumer is an eight year veteran and currently assigned to the OSD CAPS table. Her supervisors use words like, smart, resourceful, tactful, efficient, determined, dependable



Hollywood Detective of the Quarter: Rose Angel-Rumer.

and compassionate to describe her. Detective Angel-Rumer was also recently commended for attaining a one-hundred percent clearance rate for the Aggravated Assault Crimes on her caseload. In between her duties as an investigator she serves on the department Honor Guard, maintains Hollywood's Most Wanted criminal profiles on our web page AND is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps Reserves. The detectives and supervisors of Hollywood OSD are proud to honor Detective Angel-Rumer as Detective Of The First Quarter 2002.

Ins Outs and Ups

Sgt 1 K Gibson arrives from DEV. We swap Lt. L Smith with Lt. A Fuller from IAG. Sgt P Stropkai goes to AD. Sgt. 1 J Munoz and P2 R Muniz come in from WVAL. New P2 A Enriquez wheels to FTHL. P2 J Rich wheels in from 77th. P2 A Schlegel transfers from RAMP. P2s K Muniz and H Palares drive over from WTD. P2 A Gallegos and J Rodriguez head to SW. Newly minted P2 K Beard goes to VNY. Reserve C Ricard heads downtown to DSD.



Glen Jackson

cifully hidden for the nearly two hours we endured formation. The DC was accompanied by the new Consul General of Thailand who seemed duly impressed by the whole affair. Deputy Chief Kalish capped off the morning by going in foot pursuit of Chuck Henry to drag him into the divisional photo. In the end Chuck

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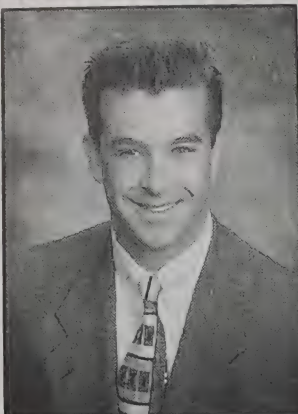
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by Joy Smith
Rampart Division

So, it is my understanding that Rampart Division has a waiting list of young officers who wish to experience greatness...nice to hear. I recently had the opportunity to fly to Florida for a short visit with my Mom. While I was there, my Mom told me a true story, which personifies Rampart Officers. I thought it only fair to share this story.

There was a track meet that was set. While at the track meet, a race was getting ready to be run, with all the runners on the starting line, waiting for the start-

all finishing in an unprecedented first place finish.

Rampart Officers stop when we have a fellow officer who has fallen. We do not go on and finish the race for glory or fame. We go back, pick up our comrade and finish the race together, in first place. If you are on the waiting list, when you get here, you will know what it's like to finish the race.... First.

Speaking of "firsts" I received a letter from "Jim Page." Jim has been retired from Rampart Division since 1977. He was the first P.M. Watch Commander when Rampart Division opened. Although in his letter he advised me that there are "probably" no officers left at Rampart who remembers him, I found one. Sgt. Beach, Rampart Area Mid Days. Sgt. Beach blesses us with his continued knowledge of the Los Angeles Police Department, past and present. If anyone wishes to contact Jim, he did provide me with an e-mail address: jimbojo@earthlink.net in addition, Jim has promised me some interesting stories. I fully expect to pass them on once

ing the Golf Tournament Tickets. It is the month to ponder the lives of fallen officers. Officer Franco went above and beyond in his tenacity to sell all the Rampart issued Golf Tickets. Officer Franco you are my hero.

Ok so now for the Baker to Vegas Rampart Team rundown. Runners: M. Daly, F. Garcia, J. Erwin, M. Anderson, M. Preslter, D. Garland, E. Coffey, P. Watson, C. Joh, G. Magallon, E. Hernandez, J. Muniz, P. Chan, J. Wenninger, P. Hendry, S. Beunmer, J. Smith, D. Mejia, T. Coyle, A. El-Farra, J. Ramirez, J. Campos, A. Taylor, T. Fitzsimmons.



Sergeant Rich Gonzales preparing the support van.

Support Team: M. Vasquez, I. Santin, R. Adame, K. Chavez, J. Perkins, K. Vasquez, S. Jones, M. Jones, V. Nguyen, J. Kim, L. Contreras, M. Rojas, Twister, C. Perkins, and D. Arrona.

For all the aches and pains, the cuts and bruises, and lack of sleep, I know there is still no susp that can escape Rampart Officers. Although many suspects have tried, none have succeeded.

The Rampart Division Baker to Vegas team was a very attractive team. We looked good while driving the van, cheering and even running. What else can be stated about Las Vegas but the

beer was cold, the music was good, the rooms were roomy, the weather was warm, the nights were long, and the sights were hum...well let's skip the sights and forge ahead to Lt. Perez.

Lt Perez, the Rampart watch commander for day watch was to receive an extremely prestigious award from Sacramento regarding his previous accomplishments with Vice, the same weekend as Baker to Vegas, opted to support his troops and drive the follow van for the last five legs. Lt. Perez, you sir are truly adored by your troops. You personify a true gentleman and a scholar, and your



Rampart Baker to Vegas running team 2002.

ing gun to sound. Once the race started, all the runners took off like rabbits. After the first turn, one of the runners tripped and fell. The runner hit the racetrack so hard, most of the other runners not only heard the runner fall, but felt the impact. A single runner who was still running, stopped, turned to the fallen runner, walked back to him, and leaned down to assist him. A second runner then stopped, turned, walked back to the fallen runner and also leaned down to help him.

One by one, each of the runners in this race stopped, turned, walked back to the fallen runner. With assistance, the runner who had fallen to the ground was assisted to his feet. Ever so slowly, while holding hands with two of the runners, he began to walk forward, towards the finish line. One by one, each of the runners involved in the race took another runner's hand. The entire field of runners finished the race walking hand in hand;

I "edit" them for public consumption.

Bang for your Buck Officers for this month are Officer Cindy" I'm gonna take it partner" Wapp and her partner Officer Cecil" Oh no I mean Todd" Mangrum for their steady pursuit of an armed susp. Officers Burzumato and Patino for their uncanny ability to identify citizens in the community who have "watched too much CSI" and Officer D "I got a case of Pacifico Beer" Sanchez and his partner Officer R. "I got a case of Corona Beer" Vilalobos. Thanks you guys! Job well done!

The kick butt arrest for this month goes hands down to Officers Trejo and Bruner for their thirty-one minute vehicle pursuit of a C-37 vehicle. The reason for the kick butt award to these two coppers has to be the seven page arrest report...outstanding job guys!

Just a quick big thanks to Officer Juan Franco for his dedication to sell-

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Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

Portrait of a Hero

I had so many things I was going to write about in this issue, but they all seem so insignificant compared to the tragic loss of Sgt. Angela Shepard on



Angela Marie Shepard with her three girls: Nicole, Marissa & Alexa at National "Take Your Daughter to Work Day," April 25, 2002.

April 30, 2002. Angie was involved in a tragic (single vehicle) traffic collision on the southbound 405 Freeway,

Beach Blvd. off-ramp. She was the passenger of a vehicle being driven by her ex-husband (Wallace), which struck a guardrail and flipped end over end. Angie was ejected from the vehicle and killed instantly. She had only been at Pacific Area for about seven months, but her death has hit the people in this division hard. She was not only a co-worker, she was a mother, a friend, a hero. I worked very closely with Angela (in the Pacific Area Complaint Unit) over the past seven months. She was funny, smart, cute, vulnerable, sometimes naïve, enthusiastic, always smiling, constantly had a kind word to say, full of energy and full of life. She was serious about her job, always doing her best to be more than fair regarding each complaint she was assigned to investigate. But, in my opinion, her best attribute was her undying devotion to her family. She was a true mother, in every sense of the word. She always talked about her girls (Nikki, 17; Marissa, 8; and Alexa, 6), wholeheartedly cared about her girls, and unconditionally loved her girls (as well as her mother, Mary). They were the center of her life. She would do anything for them, and always did. She brought all three of the girls to work with her on Thursday, April 25, for "National Take Your Daughter to Work Day." All three of them spent the entire day with Sgt. Mark Pompano, Sgt. Cy Feliciano, Angie and myself in the complaint unit. In addition to getting our work done, we talked about life, discussed school,



The LAPD Color Guard remove the American Flag from Angie's coffin, and prepare it for presentation.



Captain Wallace Graves presents the flag to both Angie's mother, Mary and daughter, Nicole.

laughed, joked, shared pictures of loved ones, and reminded the girls how much their mother loved them. It's very difficult to understand why God would take someone so vibrant and full of life, who had such a big heart, and was so important to so many people. And that's a question we'll probably never get answered.

Her services were held on Monday, May 6, 2002, at the Calvary Chapel in Westminster. Nicole spoke so eloquently about her mother, I know she was listening, and Nikki, you made her proud. Mark Pompano spoke as well. And on behalf of Pacific Area, I would like to tell him how wonderful and kind his words were, which I know came from the heart. Det. Steve Ramirez (Angie's ex-husband and father of Marissa and

Alexa) has been wonderful as well and has been a tremendous support for Angie's family. The procession led us to the Interment at Green Hills, where Angie received a 21-gun salute. Nicole, and Angie's mother (Mary) were each presented with a cross from Capt. Ken Hillman and Capt. Andy Smith. After the services, we all went to "Ryan Pitman Hall" to help celebrate Angie's life with her family. I would like Angie's family to know how much we cared about her, and how much we loved her. Her friends, and the LAPD family will be here for you through the long haul. Angie will forever be with you in heart and spirit. She will be looking down guiding you, protecting you, loving you, always... We miss her already. God bless!!

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2002 Baker



Metro Red Team Winners!

Kneeling: Pat Shannon, Joe Martinez, Ivan Ramos, Orlando Neves, Dan Thompson. Second row: Jim Gastelo, Ron Daniels, Lou Reyes, John Buckley, Keith Provin, Rick Massa, Team Captin Joe McWilliams, Randy Yang, Coach Pat Connelly and support personnel. Last row: Tom Chinappi, Gary Koba, Tony Samuelson, Andy Hudlett. Not pictured: Lee McMillion, R.J. Cottle, Chuck Buttitta, Tim McCarthy and Steve Gordon.

Sixth LAPD Victory in Metro "Red" Team, Repeat as Baker to V

by Lew Snow, Sports

For the second straight year, and fourth time in five years, the Division's "Red" Team has won the Baker Challenge Cup was claimed by Metro with a time of 15:50:39 by a team comprised of runners over age 40 from the Los Angeles Police Enforcement Bureau. The race, held April 20-21, was sponsored by the Police Revolver and Athletic Club.

Just like last year, after 119+ miles (starting just west of Baker) it came down to a footrace—this time between Sheriff Lee Baca and Steve Gordon. Gordon sped past him for the victory. Less than a mile to go, Baca determined Baca—running on empty and using all the energy he could muster—crossed the finish line.

Sheriff Baca, however, was unable to keep up with the most experienced of runners. As his race partner, Gordon sped past him for the victory. Less than a mile to go, Baca determined Baca—running on empty and using all the energy he could muster—crossed the finish line.

The LAPD Women's Team repeated at the top of the race, finishing 83 minutes ahead of the L.A. Sheriff's Deputies.

towards breaking the women's record."

"This was our best team ever and we did it."

LAPD's females have won all of the Baker Challenge Cup since 1995 and their time of 15:50:39 was shaved 45 minutes off last year and were 15 minutes faster (set in 1991)," said Egan. "We're starting to come in under 15:50."



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to Vegas Run

ry in Last Seven Races Team, LAPD Women er to Vegas Winners

ow, Sports Beat Editor

and fourth time in the last five races, Metro
the Baker to Vegas Relay. The 18th Annual
ro with a time of 13:12:47, only seconds ahead
over age 40 from the L.A. Sheriff's Special
d April 20-21, is sponsored by the Los Angeles

s (starting just north of the Mojave Desert ham-
race—this time between Metro's youthful Steve
30 years his senior). SEB was ahead with
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ted at the top of their category, coming in
heriff's Department. "We were working
's record," said team captain Sherri Egan.
and we did a lot of training."

all of the last five races they have entered
5:50:39 was their best of the streak. "We
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We're starting now on our goal for 2003:

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Foothill



ASD-Training



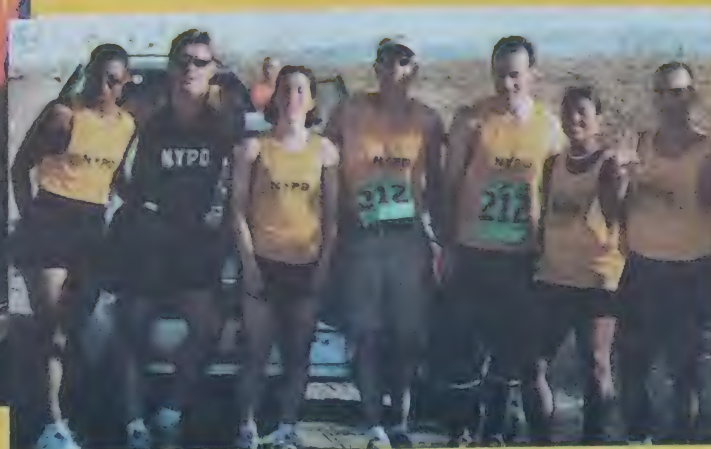
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Team #147, West Valley Station and Team #117 DEA-Sacto.



NYPD Finisher



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Lee Baca, LASD SEB.

2002 Baker to Vegas Run

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77th



KFWB reporter Peter Demetriou.



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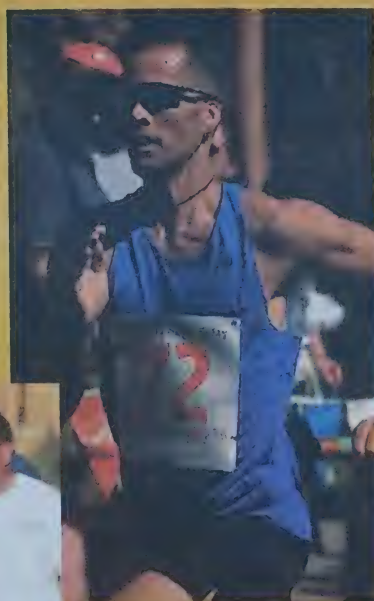
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Team #3 SEB Lee Baca.



Gates at the finish line.



Team #72 Central, CTD, OCB.

How They Did It— METRO RED TEAM

Leg	Runner	Time*
1.	Randy Yang	23:22
2.	Gary Koba	29:10
3.	Lee McMillion	52:13
4.	Jim Gastelo	36:56
5.	Andy Hudlett	38:26
6.	Keith Provin	39:30
7.	Robert Cottle	44:44
8.	Tom Chinappi	44:47
9.	Rick Massa	46:16
10.	Orlando Nieves	33:48
11.	Chuck Buttitta	35:57
12.	Lou Reyes	32:55
13.	Joe Martinez	46:29
14.	John Buckley	38:00
15.	Danny Thompson	42:36
16.	Tim McCarthy	39:40
17.	Tony Samuelson	39:33
18.	Ron Daniels	40:16
19.	Ivan Ramos	44:01
20.	Steve Gordon	39:25

Alternates:

Mike Albanese, Damon Aoki, Matt Bennyworth, Neil Coward,
Doug Dingman, Pat Shannon, Tim Swift, Joe Witty

Team Captain:

Joe McWilliams

LAPD WOMEN'S TEAM

Leg	Runner	Time*
1.	Brenda Crump	28:00
2.	Heather Arnold	35:47
3.	Dalila Vizcarra	62:19
4.	Marcella Piersol	41:46
5.	Julie Nony	45:06
6.	Maria Perez	50:35
7.	Mary Kite	53:49
8.	Trish Criswell	60:18
9.	Mercedes Pena	52:22
10.	Jackie Landsman	45:41
11.	Kathy Meek	44:19
12.	Kathy Bell	38:49
13.	Julie Carpenter	56:03
14.	Felicia Baily	46:41
15.	Marissa Frial	48:38
16.	Tracye Fields	46:51
17.	Sandy Carlisle	47:08
18.	Leslee Rogers	46:36
19.	Annette Olivas	55:44
20.	Martee Miyakawa	42:33

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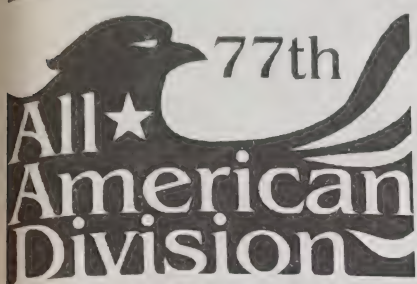
Jahna Beard, Maria Martinez, Susana Padilla, Catherine Sobieski

Team Captain:

Sherri Egan

See more results on pages 42 & 43

DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

It is Reunion Time

Don't forget to get your reunion tickets! The 77th Street Reunion is scheduled for Friday, June 28th, at 1500 hours. The event will take place at the Harbor Range and it is \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. Make your checks payable to 77th Street Station Fund, and send in your reservation to P.O. Box 7976, La Verne, California 91750.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Sgt. **Mike Pytel** or Officer **Paul Clements** at (323) 753-4423. This will no doubt be a good time for all, so be sure to mark this day off on your calendar.

4-11 Beats out 9-11

On or about March 28th, Officer **Tami Baumann** and **Ofelia Vasquez** handled an ADW investigation at 960 W. 62nd Place. This is an important complex with serious gang issues involving 62nd Street Brims. A month prior to this investigation there was a homicide involving one of the security guards and this same gang.

On the investigation on the 28th, the victim was lucky with only his jacket being shot through. With all of the previous issues taken place, the officers on scene felt compelled to have a serious

talk with this victim. Their main concern was the fact that these security guards at this location were not wearing vests. The security guard advised the officers that he could not afford a vest. He and his wife just had a new baby and they were having problems making ends meet as it was. Senior Lead Officer **Tim Wunderlich**, #24095 (father of five), had an extra vest in his locker and loaned the vest to this security guard until he could afford one for himself.

On 4-11, while the security guard was on duty at this apartment complex, he was wearing the vest that Officer Wunderlich had loaned him. At 2010 hours, a black male dressed down like a 62 Brim attempted to enter the location. The security guard asked the black male what was up and when the suspect turned around to face the security guard, he was armed with a revolver and shot him point blank in the chest. The bullet struck the security guard on the left side of his chest.

The best part of this story is that even though it was a "911" call, the "411" that the officers had regarding this location and the generosity of Officer Wunderlich allowed this victim a "second chance." Indeed an outstanding example of "community-based policing."

Welcome to 77th

One could only hope that your very first day on the job would be a nice quiet day, learning procedures and how to handle radio calls. Not so for probationary officer **Eric MacLennan**, #36049. First call for the day involved it all—a domestic violence family dispute, with a request for further for the correct location, then once the location is confirmed he and his partner (Officer **Dorian Henry**, #30472) observed the suspect totally naked, extremely large in stature



P1 MacLennan

sleeping on the couch. Officers attempted to awaken the suspect to speak to him, and once the suspect awoke, he bolted to the rear door and attempted to exit. The suspect was taken to the ground and restrained by numerous officers. Officer MacLennan was commended by his training officer for his initiative and tactics while dealing with this (his first) PCP suspect. Nice job, Boot!

Violent Crime Gets Its Own Detail

Serious crime issues are no secret in 77th Street. Ask any outlying Division!

Beginning D.P. #5, 77th Street will have their own Violent Crime Detail. This unit is comprised of ten officers and two sergeants. The team roster is as follows: Sgt. **Peter Zarcone**, #26271, Sgt. **Richard Rakitis**, #22500, PIII **Tom Redshaw**, #31378, P1 **Rudy Chong**, #30089, P2 **Thomas Davoren**, #35473, P2 **Joe Goosby**, #35124, P2 **Alicia James**, #30287, P2 **Jason Schwab**, #34995, P2 **Joshua Kniss**, #3385, P2 **Aaron Algren**, #34313, P2 **Mario Cardona**, #33905, and P2 **Robert Quiroz**, #34431. With specific goals in mind, it appears that it will be a busy summer for this unit. Congratulations on being chosen to participate in this unit.

The President Visits the Hood

Several officers from 77th Street



Sergeant Wade and the President.

attended the meeting with the President of the United States at the First AME Church in Southwest Area. The officers were guests of the church and specifically invited because of their involvement in the riots of 1992. Capt. **Jim Miller** had the privilege of introducing his brother, Capt. **Scott Miller** from LAFD who was the most seriously injured city employee during the riots.



Captain Jim Miller and Captain Scott Miller.

Sgt. **Heather Wade** had the opportunity to take a photo with the President, and even though I am a Democrat, I will run it, Sarge!

Happy Father's Day to all of you fathers. All of us here at 77th Street hope you have a wonderful day! Be safe! ❖



by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Happy Father's Day to all of you papas out there. Red, white and true. Flag day is Friday, June 14th.

Congratulations to the premier Baker to Vegas running team! Metro's Red Team captured another consecutive victory and maintained its dominance in the annual Challenge Cup Relay. The history behind this winning machine is nothing short of phenomenal. From its beginnings in Death Valley to the perseverance of the 1990s teams, Red has proven its talent is a force to be reckoned with. The team's tenacity, with most of the same team members returning each year, has provided the winning formula to rise from a fourth place finish in the 1995 cup to ascension in 1998 and 1999. This year's triumph secures Metro's place in history as paramount conquerors of the desert winning four of the last five races. With SEB as the primary opposition, Red sustained the lead for two thirds of the competition, falling behind with four legs remaining. On leg 20, anchor **Steve Gordon** regained control of the event and passed Sheriff **Lee Baca** to traverse the finish line. The team of 2002 includ-

ed **Randy Yang**, **Gary Koba**, **Lee McMillion**, **Jim Gastelo**, **Andy Hudlett**, **Keith Provin**, **R. J. Cottle**, **Tom Chinappi**, **Rick Massa**, **Orlando Nieves**, **Chuck Buttitta**, **Lou Reyes**, **Joe Martinez**, **John Buckley**, **Dan Thompson**, **Tim McCarthy**, **Tony Samuelson**, **Ronnie Daniels**, **Ivan Ramos**, and **Steve Gordon**.

Rounding out the cast was **Joe McWilliams** as Team Captain and **Pat Connelly** in the trainer's chair. Providing the necessary support were **Joe Witty**, **Damon Aoki**, **Pat Shannon**, **Tim Swift**, **Capt. Rick Jacobs** and daughter **Jordan**, **Patrick Martin**, **Cmdr. Mark Leap**, **10-D Mike Albanese**, **Toy and Laura Beard** and **Barbara McWilliams**. Congratulations to Mr. McWilliams on his promotion to Sgt. I. Joe is headed over to Rampart to work for the former 10D, **Capt. Tom Runyen**. Thank you for years of dedication to the Metro mission including your unwavering commitments within SWAT and your immeasurable efforts towards the B-V objective. Best wishes to your latest career path.

Welcome Back

Returning from the injured reserve list, **Rich Spackman**. Take it easy, Spackle.

Sietz Platz and Woof Woof 4

That's K9 speak for you non-German speakers. Congratulations to former B-teamer **Dennis O'Sullivan** and to **Jim O'Connell**, our newest K9 handlers. Did I say Irish or German?

Have a great summer! Until I catch up on the latest. R10-girl, clear. ❖

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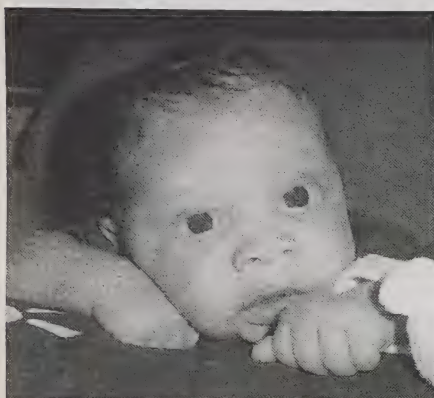
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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by Mark Horton
DARE Division

Welcome back P-2 Officer **Krystal Horton**, #26309, who delivered a healthy baby boy on Dec. 21, 2001, Kristopher Roderick Horton-Davenport,



Kristopher Roderick Horton-Davenport, 12-21-01, 6 lbs., 7 oz., 21 inches.

who weighed in at 6 lbs., 7 oz.

Congratulations

P-2 Officers **Heather Gageby**, #34079, will be transferring to 77th Division and P-2 Officer **Jose Ceja**, #34053, who will be transferring to Wilshire Division. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.

Downsizing

By the time this article is printed, DARE Division could possibly be down-

sized from its 71 officer division to 20 P-3s and 14 P-2s, 34 officer unit (possibly).

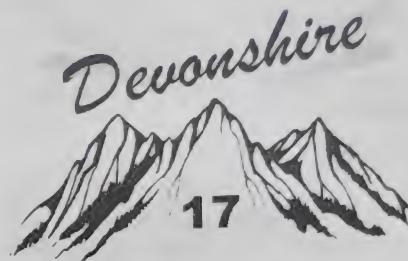
Police Commissioner President **Rick Caruso** has given his directive to reduce or eliminate DARE Division. Although this decision has come as a bit of a shock, DARE officers are proud that we have been able to influence as well as save thousands of young lives.

Toughest Cadet

On Friday, April 26, 2002, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Wilson High School, one of five high school police academy magnets hosted the 3rd annual Toughest Cadet Alive competition. The other high schools included Dorsey, Monroe, San Pedro, and Reseda High School. There was one middle school that participated—Mulholland Middle School. The event started off with an essay writing competition followed by an obstacle course event, sit and reach, and 50-yard dash, and the final competition was the mile run.

The day's event ended with an awards ceremony. There individual awards and trophies were given out as well as the overall award, which was given to the school with the most points. Reseda High School was the overall winner making them the back-to-back champions. DARE Division has assigned a Police Officer-2 to each of the schools. The officers are committed to helping the cadets succeed in their academics as well as becoming outstanding citizens that can make a contribution back to society in the field of law enforcement.

The officers assigned to the schools are P-2 Officers **Mary Gomez** (Wilson High School), **Keely Coleman** (Dorsey High School), **Sylvia Casteneda** (Monroe High School), **Michael Pounds** (San Pedro High School), and **Marc Madero** (Reseda High School). Congratulations and keep up the good work. ❖



by Officer Fred Cueto
Devonshire Division

Inside the Lines

All work and no play can make for a very boring existence. So here's what some Devonshire officers are involved in, outside of the uniform!

Softball

After a successful 2001 season in which Devonshire Softball team won the Valley League Title, with a 9-2 record, the team is currently on its way to defend its title. With last year's success, over 30 players signed up for this year's team, and with so many talented players around, Devonshire was able to field TWO teams for the 2002 season. So far this season, Devonshire BLUE is 3-0 and Devonshire RED is 2-1. Getting off to such a great start, it looks like one of these teams will be playing for the title at the end of the season! Go out and take in a ball game! All games are on Wednesdays at Hjelte Park, in the Sepulveda Dam Rec Area.

Golf

The LAPD Golf Club recently held their tournament at Hansen Dam. Devonshire winners included **E. Solter**, #32514, who won A-Flight Low Net and Longest Drive. The team of **M. Hall**,

Bench Press Contest

Team Devonshire finished third in the last bench press contest. Those who took home the Gold included: Capt. III J. Curreri, #21018, Sgt. P. Hearn, #27212, Det. S. Lazarus, #24270, Det. C. Dragun, #26206, and Officers K. Crawford, #23536, R. Moakley, #34292, and R. Lequin, #25235. G. Lukaszewski, #36015, took a Silver. Top lift of the day belonged to Officer Crawford, at 415 lbs.!

Challenge Cup 2002

It was another year of Baker-to-Vegas and another great effort by Team Devonshire. Under the direction of Team Captain **D. Graham**, #32365, our running team included Capt. III J. Curreri, #21018, Det. **M. Dyer**, #24180, Det. **G. McCarty**, #31125, and Officers **N. Abbinanti**, #33767, **L. Aguilar**, #35882, **L. Cabrera**, #31097, **A. Cardenas**, #35789, **M. Clymer**, #35204, **M. Depasquale**, #35341, **B. Fernandez**, #34273, **S. Gomez**, #32085, **L. Hamilton**, #35852, **I. Langrehr**, #27523, **K. Merrill**, #35814, **T. Myers**, #35867, **D. Neville**, #26324, **M. Rossin**, #30734, **J. Sugar**, #30013, **S. Venegas-Acosta**, #35917, and **B. Verduzco**, #34308. The Support Team, led by Lt. **I. Minsal**, #22779, included Sgt. **J. Beatty**, #27023, Sgt. **R. Santos**, #25299, and Officers **R. Bishop**, #32728, **M. Coogle**, #33014, **R. Erives**, #35511, **M. Hall**, #33240, **E. Sandoval**, #31604, **R. Sauer**, #32408, **A. Torres**, #31467, and Dev volunteer **A. Delis**.

Police/Fire Summer Games

The Police/Fire Olympics are being held this June right here in Southern California. My money is on **P. Higa**, #35161, to once again be a dominant force in wrestling and bring home the

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(Left to right) Rimkunas, Wolleck and Hall.



(Left to right) Guterrez, Antenucci, Solter and Russell.

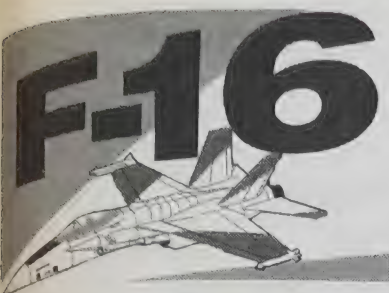
#33240, **P. Rimkunas**, #35594, **T. Wolleck**, #35468, and **F. Cueto**, #34630, took home B-Flight Team Low Net. For those men and women who have never played in a LAPD golf club tournament, you need to come on out! With the help of **P. Russell**, #21876, Sgt. **J. Antenucci**, #26784, and Sgt. **D. Gutierrez**, #30050, Club President **S. Jaramillo**, #22925, ran a great tournament at Hansen Dam. This is a fun golf club! Anyone interested in joining can call Sal Jaramillo at Devonshire Vice, (818) 756-8279.

Gold! Good luck to everyone who will be participating!

The Ins-N-Outs!

Coming back! Sgt. **R. Gibby**, #17559, from Van Nuys. Going: Sgt. **Mathews**, #24142, to Van Nuys, and P2 **M. Wupperfield** to VTD.

Congratulations to **K. Gibson**, #26560, who was promoted to Sgt. 1, and is off to Hollywood. ❖



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

On 3/31/02 at 2215 hours, Officers Freyer, #31162, and Clair, #31212, working uniform patrol received a radio call of an assault with a deadly weapon. Officers listened to the comments of the call that gave the description of the suspect and stated that he was armed with a screwdriver. As they approached the location, officers observed a person matching the description of the suspect. Officers stopped the suspect and were able to disarm the suspect; he was armed with a 5-inch long screwdriver.

The officers interviewed the victim and discovered the suspect used his screwdriver in attempt to obtain the victim's money. Officers arrested the suspect for attempted robbery. Officers were able to obtain incriminating statements from the suspect.

These officers are commended for their investigation skills, tactics, interrogation and digging for information to solve the robbery. These officers and their other partner P-3 Van Natter were assigned the Footbeat detail on the Van Nuys Corridor due to the rise in street robberies. These officers were chosen for this detail because of their proactive activity, to identify the criminal element hanging out in known problem areas. With their efforts, robberies in the area have dropped by 50 percent. Thank you for the extra effort and hard work. Outstanding job.

Foothill Detectives

I would like to thank the retired legends of Foothill in returning to help out with investigation. We also are lucky to have them here to share their experience with the younger detectives. Their knowledge and experience is very valuable to all of the department and us. I was very lucky to have been trained by officers who had over 10 to 15 years of experience. These officers gave you tools to handle any problem with sus-

pects and gave solutions to help the community. The detectives that are assigned here are D-3 Fisk, #12861, D-3 Heissel, #17952, and thank you again. It's good to have you around.

Sports

Well, we started the softball season a little slow; we lost the first three games. It's just great to have all the officers coming out to play. These officers are doing their best and getting involved as a team. By next month, we will be on our winning ways.

Babies

I would like to congratulate Officer Victor Rios and his wife on their new son. They picked a great name "Julian Rios." When I get a picture, I will put it in the paper. All of them are doing great. I have seen all of them together and both parents are very happy.

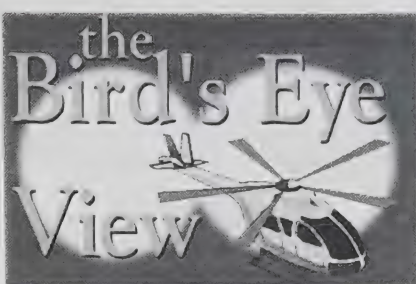
I would also like to congratulate Officer Frank Contreras (Newton) and his wife, Claudia for their new son Christian. Thanks for the invite to the baby shower; my family enjoyed the celebration. Frank was a probationer seven years prior. We still remain good friends. It's good to see all of your family happy. Bless all of you.

Wedding

Congratulations goes out to Michelle Lopez (Valley Traffic) and Ramon Martinez (North Hollywood) for their marriage on 4/27/02. It was a wonderful ceremony and reception. Thank you for letting me be your friend.

Do You Love What You Do? "I DO."

Success comes from loving the passion of loving what you do. Time tends to pass and you don't realize it because you love what you are doing. With the new compressed work schedule, pension, and leadership, we can all focus on positive goals to love your job. It's easy to work 12-14 hours a day when you enjoy your job. Pick a goal every day and touch a person's life. The more you complete this task, the better person you are. An officer held an injured child on the way to the hospital. Once at the hospital, the child kissed and thanked the officer for caring. Another officer helped an at-risk teenager get through high school by checking on her. The family thanks him. She graduates from high school and has enrolled to attend Mission College. These are the rewards we gain by touching someone's life.



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

Air Support Art

If you have visited Air Support Division in the last six months, the first thing you saw as you approached the steps was a large mural of a helicopter



Painting by George Love.

flying among the downtown skyline. This painting was completed by a very talented artist named Georgia Love. Georgia donated her talent and time providing us with a first class entrance to ASD. The detail of this wall art is incredible. As a matter of fact, if you look very closely in the bottom right hand corner, you will see Georgia's pickup truck with a ladder in the bed driving on Vignes Street. A photo of the mural appeared on our 2001 Christmas card, which was sent to many aviation units and members of ASD. Thanks to people like Georgia Love, ASD is able to upgrade our facility in a most unique way. Many thanks, Georgia, from the men and women of Air Support Division.

Special Visitor to ASD

Last month ASD was honored to have retired Capt. Jim Beall visit the facility. Capt. Beall was the first captain of Air Support. He visited with Capt. Mike Hillmann who gave him a tour of the

facility introducing him to new members of ASD. Thanks for stopping to see us, Captain. Come again soon.

ASD Tip of the Month

This month's tip is on terminology used on the radio. It is vital for all of us to be on the same page of music when it comes to this topic. There seems to be some confusion on two terms that we hear on a daily basis. The first is "Code Six."

Code six means that you are stopped and out of the car. We hear this term used regularly at inappropriate times and it can affect our response to an incident. This is an example of what I am talking about. A unit states that they are following a C-37 vehicle eastbound on Wilshire approaching Western requesting a back-up and an

air ship. Air 8 says that they are enroute from Hollywood with a two minute ETA. That helicopter is aiming east of the location given to intercept the unit following the C-37. The primary unit now says that they are still eastbound approaching Normandie. The air unit is now aiming towards Vermont. The backing unit arrives behind the primary and states, "We are code

six with the following." The air crew now assumes that the following is stopped and turns back towards Normandie only to hear the primary state that they are eastbound crossing Vermont and are now in pursuit. A simple misunderstanding of the words code six caused a delay to an officer safety situation. The backing unit should have said that they were with the following or with the primary.

When you request an air unit, please be specific about what you have or need. We often get requests over TAC 1 that a unit is requesting a "fly by." When we are busy and have numerous requests pending, we have to prioritize the calls. A "fly by" tells us nothing about the type of request or what you need and we have to ask the PSR to inquire further. Be specific with your original request so we can be efficient and get to all requests as fast as possible. Thanks for your help on this terminology stuff. It does make a difference in providing you with the best service possible. Always watch your six.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Officer Binnie M. Phan
Central Division

The Physics of Captain Charles L. Beck

A two-stroke man, or a two-stroke engine of motocross? A two-stroke engine creates power every two revolutions of the piston. The fundamental law behind the workings of a two-stroke engine is the Bernoulli's Principle. The principle states that as the speed of a moving fluid increases, the pressure within the fluid decreases. This is the simple phenomenon of a two-stroke engine demonstrated during the intake/exhaust phase of the cycle. As the piston moves upward, the pressure of the air/fuel mixture in the crankcase is decreased. The decreased pressure increases in the fluid velocity, allowing the mixture to travel through the port and into the cylinder.

The Stroke

Born in Long Beach, California, in 1953, to a father who retired as a Deputy Chief from the Los Angeles Police



Department with 30 years of experience, and to a school teacher mother, **Charles L. Beck** grew up in Lakewood and attended Mayfair High School. He received his education at California State University, Long Beach.

After serving two years in the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps, Beck joined the Los Angeles Police Department in March, 1977. From his early career as a police officer, Beck worked various patrol assignments which included Rampart, Southeast, Pacific, and Hollywood Divisions. As a sergeant, he completed his tour at Harbor and Southwest Patrol, South Bureau CRASH or SEU, and Internal Affairs Division. Beck continued to move up the ranks with his dedication and service to the department. His last assignment was the commanding officer of Juvenile Division.

Viewed as a very low-key type of person, Beck prefers to work behind the scenes rather than taking the leading role in being recognized. Working behind the scenes has just the same influential power and effect on improving the working environment of the department. When asked what is one important trait that he is proud of being a captain, he simply replied, "I'm proud of being able to see things from people's point of view. I listen to what they have to say that is important because no one knows everything. I am willing to listen to them." Beck emphasized the importance of listening to people and trying to understand from their perspectives. His focus is to be fair.

Detective III at Abused Child Unit and a former colleague, **Steven Hales**, described Beck as a sincere and caring individual. Hales also added, "Every captain who has worked in Juvenile Division has brightened it in some manner...by

coming here and others by leaving."

The Engine

The engine of Charlie Beck is his family. His wife is a retired deputy sheriff. His three children range from age 13 through 20. His father served as his role model when he was growing up. His mother, an artist and a former weight lifter, also influenced his life significantly. A typical Sunday for the Beck family



is horseback riding for his daughters and motocross riding for Beck and his son.

Beck has a passion for motocross. He competes regularly in local motocross events. He is the current Police and Fire Motocross national champion who has won dozens of medals in state, national, and international competitions.

A former running partner and a close friend, Det. III **Marcella Piersol**, agreed that Beck is definitely a family man and a great husband. Piersol laughingly acknowledged that Beck has a great sense of humor. She said, "He is a funny guy and has a laid-back demeanor. He might have been a surfer in another life."

The Flight

Work gives Beck a "kick." Just like the same "kick" the masters of motocross sometimes get when they make jumps as high as 30 or 40 feet into the air. They must rely on physics to help them land.

The physics of Captain Beck is patrol. He is a strong supporter for patrol officers because he understands the hard work and effort they provide every day in handling radio calls. In return, Beck believes in three things that police officers should abide by: 1) treat each other right; 2) do the right thing; and 3) enjoy the job. In Beck's opinion, he believes that everyone is responsible for morale. If officers follow the above three things, then morale and recruitment will improve.

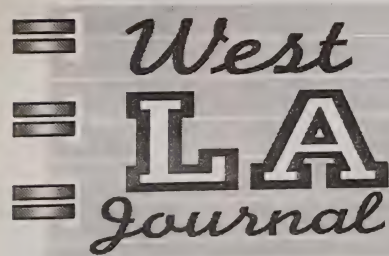
Alma Mercado, P.O. III, observed the fact that Beck is a "very nice guy." She remembered that he lifted morale and built it up as a commanding officer at Juvenile Division.

Detectives **James Brown** and **Harold Castrillo** also said, "We loved him. He is a nice guy!"

The masters of motocross don't rely on miracles to land safely; they rely on physics. When taking a jump, one must consider two things: 1) where one lands; and 2) how one will do so. To correctly position the bike, one must take advantage of the physics principle known as angular momentum. Angular momentum states that a rotating object has inertia, therefore it also has momentum associated with its rotation (Angular Momentum - moment of inertia X angular speed). When one leans too far forward or back, the result would be like this (see photo).

Whether it's the physics of momentum or the physics of the hard-working patrol officers that Beck counts on, Beck certainly "walks his talk." A great competitor, a great athlete, an open-door policy commanding officer, and just a "nice guy" to have in the Los Angeles Police Department. These qualities make the physics of **Charles Beck** a momentum that everyone wants to ride on and be a part of the experience.

Det. II **Carmen Ibarra** agreed that Captain Beck is a "sincere and honest man." She also added, "He walks the talk, and everyone liked him." ❖



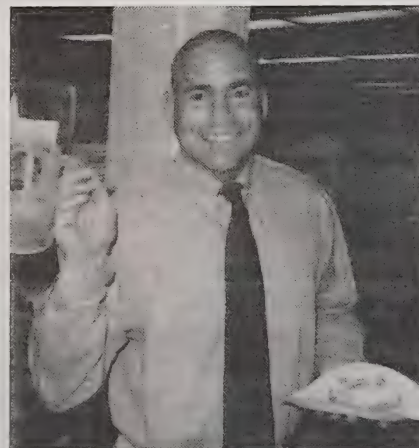
by Mary Dacey
West LA Division

The Thin Blue Line strikes again. Last month we said goodbye to a few of our illustrious detectives: **Nina Serna**, **Mike "Survivor" Valdes** and **Victoria Lim**. It was sad to see them go, but we wish



WLA Detective Nina Serna before heading for IA.

them all the best. With Mike going to Northeast, he will be able to jog, walk, bicycle or rollerblade to work! It also



Detective Mike "Survivor" Valdez's last day at WLA.

means that since one of our biggest SURVIVOR fans has left, we will have to call him to talk about the latest happenings on the island. (Mike, I hope you don't mind that I included that...) A couple of farewell lunches were held (Soup Plantation, one of Lim's favorite spots, as well as "The Cave" where Nina likes to go.) There has been some additional movement in the force: Sgt. **A. Carranza** will be leaving us for Foothill and Sgt. **K. Weigel** for RED while P2 **Bowser** will be over in West Valley. Three detectives will be joining the ranks here in the west: **L. Popper** from Northeast, **R. Cordobes** from West Valley and **L. Britton** from 77th. We welcome you and hope you will join us at our upcoming beach party.

Soooo...who will be chief? Send in your votes and we'll tally them up and see who wins.

A few months ago, I mentioned that I would be telling one of **Rich Alcala's** cop capers when I found the missing link. Well, I found it so I have decided to tell the story. P3 Alcala and his partner, **Ryan Klepper**, were listening to the police radio when they heard a call come out at approximately 1430 hours of a 211 silent at Cal Fed Bank on Pico. They were working 8A1 and were currently on Code 7 when they realized that only one unit was responding to the location. They thought it would be a good call to wrap up the day with, so they cancelled their Code 7 and went enroute to the location. They heard "Arod" **Rodriguez** and **Eric Barrera** go Code 6 and although the suspect was GOA, they were able to put out a good suspect description during their initial crime broadcast. Alcala and Klepper used this information to search the surrounding area. They found themselves driving down an alley behind a restaurant across from the bank so they parked their black and white and proceeded on foot to the restaurant. Once inside, they advised the employees of the suspect's description. A waitress told them, "Yeah, there was a guy who came in a little while ago. He's sitting right there" (at which time she nodded in the suspect's direction). The officers noticed matching descriptors of the man sitting in the booth. The suspect walked quickly into the men's room when he noticed the officer approaching, but he wasn't fast enough for Alcala who followed him to the room. Alcala said he had allowed the suspect to enter the bathroom due to the tactical advantage of having the suspect

alone in the bathroom thus ensuring the safety of the patrons and employees inside the restaurant. He drew his service revolver and slowly opened the bathroom door and peeked inside. He only saw one pair of feet in the bathroom stall. The officer knew that the suspect was armed so he tactically deployed himself and took cover in the doorway. As the suspect exited the stall, Alcala confronted him at gunpoint and detained him as a possible suspect. A "pat-down" revealed a .38 caliber hidden inside the suspect's right front pocket. An investigation of the stall revealed three bank deposit slips and the demand note used by the suspect. Three bank tellers responded for a field show-up and positively identified the man. Officers discovered \$2,000 hidden in each shoe during a thorough search. RHD and the FBI responded and the suspect was taken into custody. The officers involved received a commendation from the downtown detectives who informed them that the robber was wanted for several 211s. Rich Alcala said it was the good suspect description and location last seen that enabled him to locate the bad guy. Good job; good caper.

Harriet Moffett has been a reserve officer and volunteer for both West L.A. and Metro for over 22 years. She works with the Boosters Club and K-9 and said that both of them have tax deductible donations available. Harriet is now 93 years old and said, "If I didn't like what I was doing, I wouldn't be doing it." She can be reached for more info every afternoon at (310) 474-8955. ❖



by Tom Fox
Central Traffic Division

May: Ins & Outs of CTD

CTD welcomes Sgt. Marcey, #23640, and Officer Carlin, #32738.

Sgt. Marcey comes to CTD from Northeast Division; Officer Carlin comes to CTD from Hollywood Division.

Congratulations to CTD Employees of the Year

Sgt. 1+2 Javier Nunez, #22491 – Sgt. Nunez is a 21-year veteran with LAPD and over one year with CTD. Javier has performed his duties in an outstanding manner. Javier's dedication and support to CTD's goals throughout the year have been unsurpassed and have not gone unnoticed.

P.O. II Miguel Aguayo, #23962 – Aguayo has been a police officer for 19 years. He had been assigned to CTD for ten years. Aguayo's work ethics have been outstanding and has not gone unnoticed.

P.O. III+I Richard G. Leuschner, #21330 – Richard was nominated as Detective of the Year for his outstanding professionalism and productivity. Richard has been a police officer for 27 years and has been at CTD for five years. Richard was successful in handling and clearing more cases than any other investigator in the detective section of CTD.

Clerk Typist Laura Astorga, #N1748 – Ms. Astorga has been with the department for two years. She transferred to CTD in 2001 from R&I Division. Throughout her short tenure at CTD, she was instrumental in maintaining a meticulous filing system which facilitated the easy location of traffic reports.

Reserve Specialist Officer of the Year Delia Sarracino, #R2984 – Ms. Sarracino was nominated as Reserve

Officer of the Year for her support to the CTD goals. She volunteers for every special detail the reserves conduct. She is used as an operative on the Bandit Taxi detail and is a pedestrian on the ped stung detail. Delia is very active in her community working with the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Awards

On April 11, Captain Sweet, Commander Ibarra, Ray Bergeron, Tom Fox, Sgt. Frank Hurtado, Ellen Kanda, and John Hynes attended the 2002 Quality & Productivity Awards luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel. Twenty-one entities from the City of Los Angeles received awards for their achievements in saving the city \$33,000,000 throughout the year. The CTD Bandit Taxi Detail was one of the recipients. There were 100 applications received.

Bandit Taxi Detail

CTD Reserve Officers Sgt. Lockett, Ray Bergeron, Tom Fox, DOT, Motor Officers Carlos Torres and Ray Hallenbeck conducted the April Bandit Taxi detail in Hobk Division, Rampart Division and in Central Division. There were ten arrests made for 71.02(b) LAMC (operating a taxi without a city permit). Ten taxis were impounded and held for evidence. This detail had one repeat offender that didn't learn from the first time he was arrested.

Baker to Vegas

This year's Baker to Vegas running team was made up of OCB, Central Division and CTD. CTD's contribution to the team was made up of veteran runners: Sgt 1+2 Jay Nunez, Det-III Mike Kaden, P-II+2 Rich Joaquin, P-II+2 Ron Fisher and P-II+2 Anthony Stewart.

P-II+2 Henry Guardado joined the team this year. Because we didn't have enough female runners to make up a mixed team, we entered the invitational mixed category. This category allowed us to use civilian runners. The civilian runner that participated was Laura Astorga. Laura was our starter and did an outstanding job. Bobbie Covington, Kittie Yount and Steven Julian were the support team. A huge thank you for the support team. They really pulled through for us. We placed 10th in our division

and CTD runners were very impressive. The support team always works hard at these events and we owe them deep appreciation and gratitude. Thanks to all the runners for representing the "Wings and Arrows."

Congratulations

MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) presented the 2001 MADD awards for the most DUI arrests for the year:

Alfredo Villegas, DEUCE, 50; Raymond Hallenbeck, DEUCE, 51; Leopoldo Hernandez, DEUCE, 54; Cheiko Minohara-Biligan, DEUCE, 55; Ernesto Shoop, DEUCE, 56; Kittie Yount, DEUCE, 70; Jesus Camacho, DEUCE, 99; Steven Hwang, CENTURY, 101; Peter Hopkins, CENTURY, 108; Matthew Saenz, CENTURY, 109; Peter Vasquez, CENTURY, 125; Ronnie Fisher, CENTURY, 136; Carlos Torres, CENTURY, 140; Cesar Guitron, CENTURY, 165; Henry Colebrooke, DOUBLE CENTURY, 206.

New Addition (no foolin')

Samantha Nicole Palma was born on April 1, 2002, at 2353 hours. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 10 oz., 19-1/2 inches. The proud parents are Robert Palma and his wife.

Ask 24 T 90

Questions asked by field officers:
In a t/c involving an MTA bus/vehicle, if there are no injuries, do we take a t/c report or is it exchange of information? MTA is not CPI. No injuries exchange information. MTA supv. know that.

What is the code for impounding a vehicle for evidence collection? 22655.5 is evidence.

If a vehicle is involved in a hit and run

t/c and the vehicle is left at the scene, is the impound authority 22655 ve and hold for detectives? Yes, Traffic Detectives.

Do we take a t/c report for a SKUNK? NO.

We have a t/c, no injuries, P-2 has no license, no insurance. We will cite for no insurance. Do we have to take a report? As long as it's not a reportable t/c (injury) and you can verify that the person was the driver. If it's a reportable t/c, do not cite. File for both charges.

What is the section for parking on the wrong side of the street? 22502(a) VC.

Can I cite a 17-year-old juv. on a gree-nie for 12500(a) VC? Yes.

If an RA splints a sore wrist, is a t/c report required? Yes.

We have a t/c where one car rear-ended another car. The rear vehicle's airbag deployed but the driver is refusing an RA. Do we still need to call an RA and do we need to do a report? A report is only required if there is an injury. If the driver is not claiming to be injured, it's 4.37 info exchange, no RA needed.

Does party one receive 4.37 information if he hit two parked cars? Yes.

Can we tow vehicles parked on the street with registration expired over one year? Yes, six months and one day is towable.

Is it 12500(a) if with a Mexico license living in California for one year? Yes.

We have a gentleman pulled over and his license shows he must wear restrictive lenses. Do colored contacts count? His eyes are really brown, but he has blue contacts in. Also do we need a search warrant to make him take them out? If his license says he must wear glasses while driving, prescription contacts are OK; doesn't have to take them out. Even if they're blue. ❖

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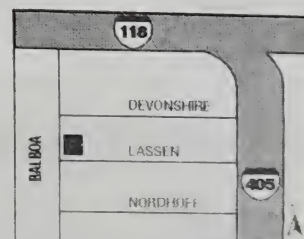
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M.S.D. Notes

by D. Swanson
Management Services Division

After nine years of service in the U.S. Army Reserves, I was looking forward to my ETS (end of term service) date this month and to reclaiming my "drill weekends" to spend time with my three-year-old daughter, Cassie. That was before I learned that the U.S. government had imposed a "stop loss" on my job classification, which involuntarily extends my military service indefinitely (retirees included). It gets better. My unit has been placed on the fast track for deployment and I have been informed that I need to prepare for the possibility of shipping out sometime this year.

Now, for those of you not familiar with the military, enlistment contracts are strictly enforced, a fact made clear to me by the recruiter at the MEPS Center in San Diego where I enlisted. What somebody forgot to tell me was that the government doesn't necessarily have to keep its end of the bargain if the following conditions are in effect: (1) It is inconvenient to short/medium/long-term military objectives; (2) it's a leap year; and/or, (3) the sky is blue. Before I spark a big patriotism debate, here's the bottom line: *invest in a magnifying glass and read the fine print.*

Management Services Division had some startling departures last month. After nearly two years of providing wisdom, leadership, and reams of endless sports chatter, Sgt.-II **Brian Raffish** bid a fond farewell to MSD enroute to his new appointment as a commander's aide at VB. A huge crowd turned out for the send-off,

feasting on P-III **Oris Pace**'s succulent barbecue tri-tip, chicken and pork, P-III **Travonne Dixon**'s homemade macaroni and cheese, **Cheryl Masters**' lemon bars and brownies, P-III **Amira Smith**'s huge basket of homemade cookies, and P-III **Troy Abordo**'s butter pecan ice cream. There was so much food, a second room had to be set up just for desserts.

Commander **Dan Koenig**, AG, was on hand to deliver some good-natured ribbing, excusing himself early from a private meeting with the Police Commission to attend. Koenig kidded Raffish that the huge turnout was proba-



bly more of a testament to the good food served than anything else. In fact, Koenig told the crowd that he only recently learned about the going-away luncheon. "Who's it for?" Koenig recalled asking Sgt.-II **Danny Wong**. "Who cares?" Wong replied.

Brian Joseph Raffish will be remembered for many things: His fondness for Fig Newtons, his total disregard for the compelling superiority of a Busy Bee sandwich, and of course toward the end, his growing dependency and ultimate addiction to rice and chicken bowls from the snack shop downstairs. During his reign as acting OIC of PADS, Raffish became a fitness and health enthusiast. When not lecturing staffers on the evils of carbohydrates, he could be counted on to ruin many a researcher's lunch by analyzing its fat and calorie content. Raffish's bulging biceps are a testament to this (and to the outstanding skills of Raffish's tailor, who for years has secretly been stitching up the sleeves of Raffish's T-shirts, ala Metro style).

In honor of all these things, PADS personnel presented Raffish with Fig Newtons (fat-free, of course), a "Busy Bee" sandwich, a Zacky Farms frozen



chicken, a box of Minute rice, and a sewing kit (so Raffish can doctor up his own shirts). In a final good-well gesture, Cheryl Masters replaced Raffish's plastic specimen drinking cup with a new glass version, and presented him with a pen on a rope to replace the ones that Raffish always seems to be losing. If you can't tell by now, Raffish was well regarded here and will be profoundly missed.

After two years at MSD, Community Policing Unit's P-III **Chris Chase** is headed to Foothill. To his credit, Chase wants to get reacquainted to patrol prior to his anticipated promotion as sergeant. The MSD crew gave Chase a mighty send-off, complete with lunch at

Yashahashi and a Declaration of Appreciation prepared by MSD graphics master P-III **Jim Ungari**. What were Chase's accomplishments at MSD, besides the numerous practical jokes on fellow staffers? "Nothing," according to the recollections of Unit OIC and fellow jokester Sgt.-II **Vic "G.W." Dennis**.

In a highly uncharacteristic twist, Dennis was not on hand for President Bush's visit to SoCal last month. According to Dennis, whose "enthusiasm" for the President has been well-documented in these pages (and a few PIRs), he was advised by ATD not to attend—something about "security concerns." ♦



by Ron Granados
Narcotics Division

Baker to Vegas

This year Narcotics Division was unable to field a team, but Det. **Hodges** and Officer **Kirkman** represented ND by running on the North Hollywood team. As expected, Det. Hodges and Officer Kirkman assisted the North Hollywood team by placing and winning a "mug."

In preparing for next year, we are currently recruiting to field our team for the Challenge Cup Relay. In order to prepare for next year, we have assembled several teams for the Annual Memorial Run and in the next issue I

will have the results of each team.

Who's In and Who's Out

In the past several months detectives and officers have been leaving the division and we have not had any other personnel for the past year. The only new addition to Narcotics has been Capt. **Greg Hall**. He is currently assigned to oversee the Field Enforcement Section of Narcotics Division. This DP we will lose Det. **Mario Mota** D-I to Rampart OSD and Officer **Alicia Jordan** P-II to Central Patrol. Good luck in your new assignments.

Retirements

Narcotics Division will lose a long-time civilian employee Senior Clerk Typist **Delores Morphin** to retirement after 30 years of service to the city of Los Angeles/LAPD. Her last day will be June 7th, we would like to wish her well in her new assignment, traveling the world. Good luck "Dee." You will be missed.

Information Only

Currently, I am working on several stories for the next issue. I will continue to catch up on the current events in Narcotics Division. ♦

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SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

Motocross Team Wins Big at Initial Rounds of Fire and Police MX Nationals

by Rob Cosner

A trip to the Perris Raceway was just what the doctor ordered for the LAPD Motocross Team. When the smoke cleared on April 15-16 the team came home with the gold, silver and bronze from the first and second rounds of the 2002 series of Fire and Police Motocross Nationals.

The pits were filled with 350 hungry, fired-up and competitive racers from all over the United States. Most competitors camped out for the two-day event that led to some very interesting campfire parties and moto stories. We fell asleep to the stars and moon and woke

ROUND 1 RESULTS: Charlie Beck (Vintage) – Silver; Vic Curti (50+ Expert) – Silver; Mike Kilpatrick (Novice) – Bronze; Tony Perez (Beginner) – Silver; Doug Wilson (40+ Intermediate) – Silver.

ROUND 2 RESULTS: Charlie Beck (Vintage) – Gold, (Bomber) – Silver; Vic Curti (50+ Expert) – Gold; Dan Hadfield (Novice) – Silver; Tony Perez (Beginner) – Gold; Doug Wilson (Intermediate) – Bronze.

2001 #1 PLATES (champions of their class who get bumped up to the next higher class): Charlie Beck – Vintage; Vic Curti – 50+ Expert; Stuart Lomax – 25-29 Beginner; Paul Manchaca-Hamilton – 25-29 Novice.

up to a light rain that put the track in near-perfect condition. When the moisture cleared out early morning it was time to put on the armor and straddle your fine-tuned twisted metal wrecking machine. The track featured a 90-foot double jump, 75-foot tabletop jump and 100-foot deep whoop section. Your LAPD mudslingers, the largest MX team at the event, gave it their all for two bar-banging, roost-slinging, broken-bone days.

Congratulations to Erin Fuller, our only female racer, who is expecting a baby boy. Stay tuned for the child's racing debut. We also want to take this time to wish all of our LAPD broken bone racers, past and present, a speedy recovery (five out of 20 racers is not bad—the other 15 feel their pain). Special thanks to FMF 900, Troy Lee Designs, Acerbis, Maxxis Tires, Wiseco, Maxima Racing Oils, Smith, IMS, Twisted Clothing, mudslingersmx.com and firepolicemx.com.

Stay tuned for Police and Fire Games, Police and Fire Night Series, Rounds 3 and 4 of the Police and Fire Nationals, and scheduled practices. ❖



James Linder #36.



Doug Wilson #68.



Paul "Manchaca" Hamilton #951.



Vic Curti #68.

The Ten Ring

by Lou Salseda

The LAPD Pistol Team competed in the Riverside Sheriff's and Sheriff's Reserve Pistol Matches on April 13-14. The weather was perfect for the event (held at the Los Angeles Sheriff's Range in Castaic) and the team (comprised of Bob Barnes, Neil Goldberg, Rick Bennett and Lou Salseda) succeeded in winning the Riverside Sheriff's Match. In the two-person competition the team of Helen Papietro and Bob Snedden outshot all others in both matches to take two first places.

Two weeks later, on April 27-28, LAPD team hosted two matches that were also held at the LASD range in Castaic. The LAPD Pistol Team – com-

prised this time of Bob Barnes, Don Tsunawaki, Rick Bennett and Lou Salseda – took two first place wins. The Blue Team of John Pride, Bob Snedden, Stefanie Diaz and Helen Papietro took second place honors.

Congratulations go to Officer Brian Bixler, a new shooter to the team, who fired his first Pistol Team match using his duty Beretta as his mother and younger brother watched. Special thanks go to the Sheriff's Department, especially Lt. Harris and Sgt. Degadillo of the Firearms Training Unit, for allowing us to use their range at the Wayside Honor Rancho.

If you are interested in shooting please contact Rick Bennett, Pistol Team captain, at (818) 832-3745. ❖

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LAPD Runners Set Sail for Wales to Participate in Welsh Castle Relay

A score of veteran LAPD runners have set sail for the United Kingdom to participate in the Welsh Castle Relay on June 8-9. The 211-mile course extends from Caernarfon Castle near Llandudno and Betws-y-Coed in northwest Wales to Cardiff on the southern coast (near Bristol, England). It literally follows a

Dameworth, Tracey Fields, Chuck Foote, Jeff Freyermuth, Mike Johnson, Maria Martinez, Martee Miyakawa, Maria Perez, Marcella Piersol, Ivan Ramos, Jim Stepan, Bruce Vermaat, Dalila Vizcarra, and Randy Yang.

Only 55 teams are invited to run in the yearly event, and the LAPD team is one



LAPD Welsh Castle Relay Team - (standing) Freddie Ackerley, Frank Arredondo, Brian Dameworth, Randy Yang, Ivan Ramos, Deputy Chief Willie Pannell, Bruce Vermaat, Pete Barrera, Mike Johnson, Jeff Freyermuth, Jim Stepan, Tony Adler, Chuck Foote; (seated) Julie Carpenter, Heather Arnold, Marcella Piersol, Dalila Vizcarra, Maria Martinez; (not pictured) Tracey Fields, Maria Perez and Martee Miyakawa.

rolling course from castle to castle along very narrow country roads and through quaint villages.

Traveling across the Atlantic Ocean is a group of 20 experienced runners who are veterans of department long-distance running teams. All eight females, in fact, are members of the LAPD Women's Team that won their division at the Baker to Vegas Relay, and two males hail from the Metro Red Team (Baker to Vegas winner four of the last five years). Making the trip are Freddie Ackerley, Tony Adler, Heather Arnold, Frank Arredondo, Pete Barrera, Julie Carpenter, Brian

of the few foreign teams asked to make the trip. Ian Campbell, who was a member of the British team that ran in the Baker to Vegas relay a few years back, paved the way for this historic trip. Race Director Jeff Graham and his staff have been invaluable in helping make arrangements for the LAPD runners.

We'll have pictures and an article on the race in the August issue of *The Thin Blue Line*.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow, Sports Beat Editor

In a few short days the 36th Annual California Police and Fire Games get underway in nearby Santa Ana. Hundreds of department athletes will overwhelm our neighbors to the south in an attempt to corner the market in gold, silver and bronze. The invasion will once again prove that, no matter what the politics—national or intradepartmental—the Los Angeles Police Department continues to have the best law enforcement athletic program in the world.

A little self-serving? Perhaps...and over the years our comrades in green and tan have developed a program second to one. But when the law enforcement community talks about athletics, without a doubt LAPD is universally recognized as the role model for everyone to follow.

Take the Summer Games as an example. Back in the early '60s, long before many of our readers were born, the department named its first "official" athletic director...Bob Burke, an athlete of some renown in many sports. Bob, having organized cross-country races that spanned the continent, teamed up with his pal Duke Nyhus (from San Diego PD) to produce the very first California Police Olympics. (That was before the word "Olympics" became legally restricted to general athletic usage.)

From the Summer Games came the World Games...and when Bob passed the torch to Larry Moore the legacy continued with the Toughest Cop Alive contests and the Baker to Vegas Relay. And that legacy continues with Tony Adler and a program that serves more athletes than ever before. What other department in the nation, if not the world, has made the same commitment to providing an athletic outlet for its officers?

So as you drive down the Santa Ana or San Diego Freeways on June 16-22, enroute to the Police and Fire Games to participate in archery, baseball, basketball, bench press, bowling, boxing, cycling, flag football, golf, motocross, pistol, roller hockey, skeet and trap, soccer, swimming, track, wrestling, or any of the two dozen other sports offered this year, take a moment to recognize one simple fact: you are a part of one of the greatest athletic traditions in the world.

Be proud of your participation, be proud of your fellow athletes and, most of all, be proud to be a member of a department that is universally recognized as the leader both on the field of play and the field of battle.

Let the games begin!

Strike One

By the time this issue reaches most of our readers, the 2002 Red Davis Tournament to settle the 2002 Intradepartmental Softball championship will be history. The two-day, double elimination tourney on June 4-5 at Hjelte Park in Sepulveda Basin gives all 21 teams who competed in league play a chance at the brass ring. Metro Division is looking for its second straight win and another Baker to Vegas/Red Davis Tourney parlay.

Up-to-date information is available on the Sports Beat Info Line, (323) 221-5222, ext. 800. We'll have a roundup of playoff action and a feature on LAPD baseball great Red Davis in the July issue of *The Thin Blue Line*.

Strike Two

Here's an early heads up on an event that raises funds for area youth programs and provides a great day of entertainment for the entire community.

The second annual LAPD Community Charity Celebrity Baseball Game, sponsored by the Centurions baseball team, is

slated for Saturday, August 25, 0900-1600 hours, at El Cariso Park in Sylmar. Highlight of the event is a game featuring the Centurions against a squad composed of former pro athletes and celebrities. Confirmed as attending are football greats Ed "Too Tall" Jones, Tony Hill and Rod Martin; baseball stars Eric Davis, Lorenzo Gray, Jay Johnstone, Rudy Law and Darryl Thomas; KTLA Channel 5's Mindy Burbano; and City Council President Alex Padilla (who plays on the Centurions team).

Also during the day there's a baseball clinic for kids age 5-14, a "swing-a-thon" fundraiser, public safety displays and a public health fair with blood pressure and cholesterol screenings...plus music, food and a whole lot of fun.

For more info, contact Officer Mike Scott at (818) 314-8998 or (661) 257-3464.

Strike Three

LAPRAAC has a great block of inner reserved level seats, between the dugouts, for upcoming Dodger home games. Supplies are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Tickets (\$15 each) can be purchased no less than ten days prior to game day at the LAPRAAC Administrative Office on the main floor of the Academy.

Available for June, July and August (all 7:10 p.m. starts unless noted) are June 14 & 16 (1:10 p.m.) - Anaheim Angels; June 19 - Toronto Blue Jays; June 21 & 23 (1:10 p.m.) - Boston Red Sox; June 24, 25 & 27 (6:10 p.m.) - Colorado Rockies.

July 11 & 14 (5:10 p.m.) - Arizona Diamondbacks; July 16 (12:10 p.m.) - St. Louis Cardinals; July 18 - San Diego Padres; July 19-20 (1:10 p.m.) - San Francisco Giants.

Aug. 6 - Pittsburgh Pirates; Aug. 9, 10 & 11 (5:10 p.m.) - Philadelphia Phillies; Aug. 20 & 22 (12:10 p.m.) - Florida Marlins; Aug. 23, 24 (1:10 p.m.) & 25 (5:10 p.m.) - Atlanta Braves; Aug. 27 - Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Academy Lounge will open at 1600 for all weekday home games. Be sure to stop by and enjoy a couple of \$1 hot dogs and specially priced drinks before heading over to the stadium.

You're Outta There!

Actually, you're out there...for the summer, that is. Yup, it's summer break time and there's no reason to be a fool and pay full price for a family visit to the area's major attractions.

The crack LAPRAAC team of bargain shoppers has lined up a whole hunka burning specials for smart shoppers. Some examples of the savings for a family of four: \$73 off admission to Knott's Berry Farm; \$18 at Knott's Soak City; \$71 at Six Flags Magic Mountain; \$17 at Six Flags Hurricane Harbor; \$28 at Legoland; and \$38 at Sea World.

Don't be the fool who lets his money be soon parted...stop by the LAPRAAC Administrative Office on the main floor of the Elysian Park Academy and collect your savings. Additional ticket info is available by calling (323) 221-5222, ext. 201.

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LAPD Centurions Win Western Conference Championship

by Ray Puettmann

The LAPD Centurion football team traveled to Houston, Texas, on May 4, 2002, in a showdown of last year's National Public Safety Football League's Championship game. The Centurions won that game handily defeating the Houston Gunner team 56-40. The rematch this year featured two 3-0 teams, Houston in the Southwest Division and Los Angeles in the Western Division. A tightly fought contest in 95 degree weather with good old Texas humidity resulted in a Centurion repeat with a hard-fought 24-21 victory.

The Centurion team jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead, scoring on their first series of the game. After several more possessions, the Centurions scored again in the second quarter to make the score 14-0. However, the Gunners were able to move the football after a Centurion turnover and scored to make it a 14-7 Centurion lead at the half.

The second half was even more exciting as the first, as the LAPD squad scored early in the third quarter to widen their margin to 21-7. To start the 4th quarter, kicker **Todd Waymire** kicked a 48-yard field goal to extend the Centurion lead even further 24-7. However, the Gunners were not finished, and responded with a touchdown of their own on a 40-yard touchdown pass to make the score 24-14. With only 7 minutes to go in the game, the Gunners knew they needed two more scores in order to win or tie the game.

The Houston defense came up big,

intercepting Centurion quarterback **Dan Fernandez's** pass on the Centurion 35 yard line. The Gunner offense then went to work and drove the ball down to the Centurion 3 yard line. However, the Centurion defense forced the Gunners into a 4th down from the 3 yard line, and although it was a great defensive stand, the Gunners scored on a pass to the corner of the end zone to make the game 24-21.

The Centurions received the kick from the Gunners with less than three minutes remaining. However, the Gunner defense could not stop the Centurion running game, as the Centurions picked up two key first downs on the ground to run out the clock.

The Los Angeles and Houston rivalry has been fierce throughout the years and has always produced a good championship game. This is the third Western Conference Championship in as many years for the L.A. Centurions as they make their way to the Championship game, also for the third straight year.

The Centurion football team will finish their regular season schedule against the LAFD Heat on May 19, 2002, at Serra High School in Gardena, CA. The Centurions will then begin preparations for the National Public Safety Football League Championship (NPSFL) held in Orlando, Florida, on June 9, 2002.

For more information on the L.A. Centurions, the Houston Gunners, or the NPSFL, log on to www.LAPDCenturions.com, www.Houstongunners.com, or www.NPSFL.com. ❖

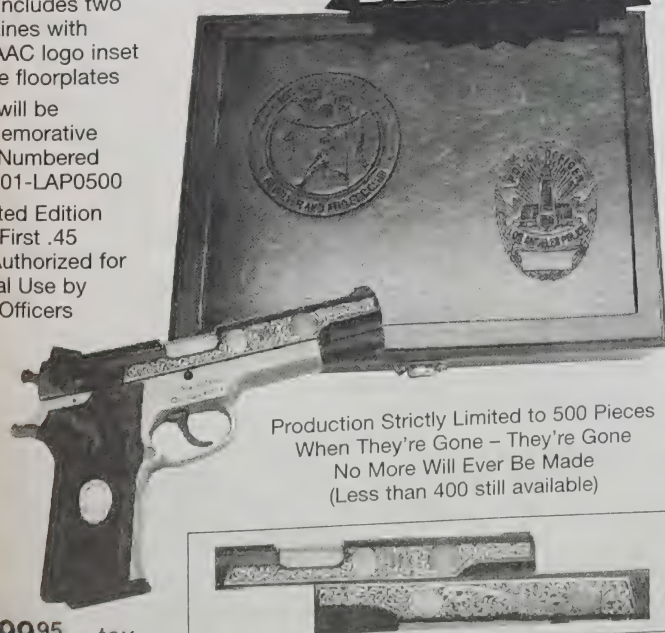
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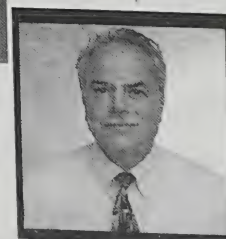
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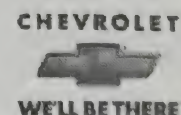
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Final Results

2002 Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

OPEN	CATEGORY	Time	O/A Finish
1.	METRO DIVISION RED TEAM	13:12:47	1
2.	Men's Central Jail (LASD)	13:29:32 (P5)	3
3.	San Diego Police Dept.	13:30:47	5
4.	Orange County Sheriff's Dept.	14:07:27	7
5.	LASD Training Bureau	14:20:20	11
6.	Reno/Washoe Co. Law Enforcement	14:34:48	13
7.	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept. #1	14:36:23	14
8.	U.S. Border Patrol #1	15:00:55	21
9.	AIR SUPPORT/TRAINING DIV.	15:09:52 (P10)	31
10.	San Bernardino Sheriff's Dept.	15:28:58	38
11.	Orange County Probation	15:32:19	41
12.	WILSHIRE AREA	15:34:12	43
13.	Calif. Dept. Corrections - Adult Parole	15:38:09 (P5)	46
14.	Twin Towers Cor. Facility (LASD)	15:56:43	57
15.	Century Reg. Detention (LASD)	16:10:36	64
16.	Los Angeles County Probation Dept.	16:16:55	71
17.	Calgary (Canada) Public Safety	16:39:34	86
18.	Calif. Hwy. Patrol - South L.A.	16:52:22	95
19.	Calif. Hwy. Patrol - Santa Fe Springs	17:26:10	121
20.	LASD Transportation Bureau	17:31:14 (P10)	124
21.	Calif. Dept. Corrections - Chino Men	17:38:34	133
22.	Calif. Hwy. Patrol - West Valley	17:42:38 (P5)	135
23.	Naval Criminal Invest. Bureau	18:06:50	146
24.	LASD Transit Services Bureau	18:10:42	159
25.	Eastern Sierra Lawmen	18:13:23	152
	Pitchess Detention East (LASD)	17:59:09 (UO)	
	LASD Walnut Station	21:27:47 (UO)	

GUEST CATEGORY	Time	O/A Finish
1. New York Police Dept. Running Club	13:47:20	6

WOMEN (all female runners)		Time	O/A Finish
1.	LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT.	15:50:39	54
2.	Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.	17:13:22	113
3.	Orange County Sheriff's Dept.	17:17:36	116
4.	San Diego Police Dept.	17:33:22	126
5.	San Jose Police Dept.	17:36:32	130
6.	Federal Bureau of Investigation	18:41:50	171
7.	FBI – San Diego	18:54:34	177
8.	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	18:56:33	179

800 (combined age of runners = 800+ years)		Time	O/A Finish
1.	LASD Special Enforcement Bureau	13:19:20 (P5)	2
2.	Dallas (TX) Police Dept..	14:37:32	15
3.	Santa Ana Police Dept.	15:24:51	35
4.	Central Jail/Inmate Recpt. Ctr. (LASD)	16:08:58	63
5.	Las Vegas Metro Police Dept.	16:13:38	68
6.	LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT.	16:19:59	73
7.	San Diego Police Dept.	16:27:43	79
8.	Calif. State Dept. of Justice	16:53:38	97
9.	Calif. Dept. Corrections – Transportation	17:44:53	136
10.	LASD Lomita Station	18:16:50 (P5)	155
11.	SOUTH TRAFFIC DIV./ DARE	18:20:23	156
12.	Calif. Dept. Corrections – Int. Affairs	18:45:42	173
13.	LASD Homicide Bureau	18:47:29	174
14.	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	19:21:35	185
15.	San Diego Police Dept.	21:56:41	195

MIXED (5+ female runners)		Time	O/A Finish
1.	Stockton Area Police Dept.	14:12:44	8
2.	Long Beach Police Dept.	15:03:28 (P5)	25
3.	HOLLYWOOD AREA	15:05:28	27
4.	METRO DIVISION BLUE TEAM	15:08:01	29
5.	WEST LOS ANGELES AREA	15:08:45	30
6.	LASD Court Services Bureau	15:19:27	34
7.	FBI – San Francisco	15:26:55	36
8.	San Diego County Probation Dept.	15:52:45 (P5)	56
9.	NORTH HOLLYWOOD AREA	16:17:12	72
10.	U.S. Customs Service	16:24:35	77
11.	SOUTHWEST AREA	16:37:54	83
12.	Riverside Police Dept.	16:48:59	91
13.	TRANSIT GROUP	16:59:17 (P10)	100
14.	Fresno Police Dept.	17:00:10 (P5)	101
15.	Supermax (No. Co. Cor. Fac. – LASD)	17:03:50 (P5)	104
16.	WEST VALLEY AREA	17:24:54	119
17.	San Diego Police Dept. Blue Team	17:58:16	141
18.	VAN NUYS AREA/VALLEY TRAFFIC	18:13:31	154

19. **DEVONSHIRE AREA**
SOUTHEAST AREA
HARBOR AREA SHARKS

18:41:09
 17:09:45 (UO)
 19:39:17 (UO)

170

STATIONS (patrol units)		Time	O/A Finish
1.	LASD East Los Angeles Station	14:16:01	10
2.	LASD Lakewood Station	14:54:40	17
3.	LASD Norwalk Station	14:57:13	18
4.	LASD Temple City Station	15:27:41	37
5.	LASD Century Station	15:33:53	42
6.	LASD Lennox Station	15:41:49	48
7.	NORTHEAST AREA	15:47:05	52
8.	77TH STREET AREA	15:48:11	53
9.	RAMPART AREA	15:58:30	60
10.	LASD Carson Station	16:37:17	82
11.	FOOTHILL AREA	16:40:49	87
12.	LASD Industry Station	16:43:09	89
13.	PACIFIC AREA	16:58:35	99
14.	LASD Pico Rivera Station	17:04:22	105
15.	Calif. Hwy. Patrol – Central Los Angeles	20:15:20 (P5)	191

INVITATIONAL (includes civilian runners)		Time	O/A Finish
1.	Los Angeles County Lifeguards	14:47:50	16
2.	Orange County Judges	15:02:46	23
3.	U.S. Marine Corps – Camp Pendleton	15:02:49	24
4.	Riverside Co. District Attorney	15:03:51	26
5.	LASD Malibu/Lost Hills Station	15:16:27	32
6.	LASD Antelope Valley Station	15:31:28	40
7.	United States Postal Inspectors	15:34:13	44
8.	Kern County Sheriff's Dept.	15:58:06	58
9.	IRS – CID – U.S. Treasury Dept.	16:11:07	65
10.	LASD Santa Clarita Valley Station	16:12:56	67
11.	San Bernardino Co. Probation Dept.	16:36:03	81
12.	HOLLENBECK AREA	16:49:59 (P5)	92
13.	LASD West Hollywood Station	16:51:46	94
14.	Central Coast Lawmen	16:56:15	98
15.	Burbank Police Dept.	17:09:22	110
16.	LASD Crescenta Vly/Altadena Stations	17:15:16	115
17.	Drug Enforcement Agcy – Sacramento	17:24:55	120
18.	Imperial Co. Law Enforcement	17:28:13	123
19.	Nevada Test Site Patrol	17:58:36	142
20.	University of Calif. Police Dept.	18:12:18	150
21.	LAPD RESERVES	18:27:20	163
22.	Buena Park Police Dept.	18:37:14	169
23.	Huntington Park Police Dept.	18:54:58	178
24.	IRS / CID #2	19:07:27	183
25.	Kern Co. Sheriff's Dept. #2	19:17:43	184
26.	Calif. State Univ. Police Dept.	19:35:55	186
27.	Brea Police Dept.	19:40:40 (P5)	187
28.	Orange Co. Probation Dept. Women	21:22:08	194
	Apache County Law Enforcement	16:19:39 (UO)	

INVITATIONAL MIXED (includes females)		Time	O/A Finish
1.	Los Angeles Co. District Attorney	15:42:51	50
2.	ANTI-TERRORIST/PARKER CTR	15:58:25	59
3.	Salt Lake City Police Dept.	16:11:39	66
4.	Pitchess Det. Ctr. North/South (LASD)	16:38:19	84
5.	San Diego Co. District Attorney	16:39:27	85
6.	Calif. State Dept. of Justice	16:51:24	93
7.	Plano (TX) Police Dept.	17:01:27	103
8.	Fresno Co. Sheriff's Dept.	17:06:48	107
9.	Riverside Co. Sheriff's – Corrections	17:11:21 (P5)	112
10.	CENTRAL/CTL TRAFFIC/OCB	17:14:28	114
11.	Orange Co. Sheriff's Dept.	17:31:43	125
12.	IRS-CID – San Diego	17:37:09	131
13.	Aggies	17:37:22	132
14.	U.S. Bur. of Immigration – Los Angeles	17:49:16	139
15.	LASD San Dimas Station	18:02:05	143
16.	Ariz. State Attorney General's Office	18:08:04	147
17.	U.S. Probation / U.S. Pretrial	18:08:05	148
18.	FBI – Los Angeles	18:13:26	153
19.	The Write Stuff XIII	18:27:19	162
20.	Carlsbad Police Dept.	18:29:45	165
21.	Long Beach Police Dept. #2	18:43:26	172
22.	Drug Enf. Agcy – Femme Feds	18:51:27	175
23.	Calif. State Dept. of Insurance	18:56:52	180
24.	DPSS Investigation Division	19:56:06	188
25.	COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION	20:09:53	190
26.	U.S. Probation – Sacramento	20:25:42 (P5)	192

1000 (301-1,000 sworn personnel)		Time	O/A Finish
1.	FBI – Los Angeles	13:30:02	4
2.	Anaheim Police Dept.	14:15:47	9
3.	Calif. State Parks Police Dept.	14:24:16	12
4.	Bakersfield Police Dept.	17:05:16	106
5.	Ventura Co. Sheriff's Dept.	18:22:48	159
6.	Los Angeles Co. Police Dept.	18:27:10	161

300 (151-300 sworn personnel)	Time	O/A Finish
1. Fremont Police Dept.	14:57:26	19

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2.	FBI - Salt Lake City	15:00:59	22
3.	FBI - San Diego	15:07:52	28
4.	U. S. Secret Service	15:16:53	33
5.	Pasadena Police Dept.	15:30:39	39
6.	Huntington Beach Police Dept.	15:39:15	47
7.	Glendale Police Dept.	16:04:20	61
8.	L.A. Unif. Schools Police Dept.	16:05:44	62
9.	Santa Monica Police Dept.	16:13:59	69
10.	Oxnard Police Dept.	16:16:13	70
11.	Eugene (OR) PD/Lane Co. Sheriffs	16:20:34	74
12.	Torrance Police Dept.	16:23:41	76
13.	L.A. Dist. Atty. Bur. of Investigations	16:26:25	78
14.	United States Marshals Office	16:35:20	80
15.	Chula Vista Police Dept.	16:41:08	88
16.	Glendora/Covina/Montclair/Upland PD	16:47:15	90
17.	San Bernardino Police Dept.	17:08:02	108
18.	Irvine Police Dept.	17:10:57	111
19.	Drug Enforcement Agcy. - Los Angeles	17:18:44	117
20.	Modesto Police Dept.	17:26:47	122
21.	Oceanside Police Dept.	17:46:45 (P5)	137
22.	Claremont/LaVerne/Monrovia/Arcadia PD	17:46:50	138
23.	Manhattan Beach/Redondo Beach PD	18:04:57 (P10)	145
24.	Escondido Police Dept.	18:22:10	158
25.	Garden Grove Police Dept.	18:35:09	167
26.	North Las Vegas Police Dept.	18:36:52	168
27.	Inglewood Police Dept.	19:04:22	182
28.	Calif. State Dept. of Insurance Fraud	20:06:22	189

150 (100-150 sworn personnel)	Time	O/A Finish
1.	Orem (UT) Dept. Public Safety.	14:59:11 20
2.	Murietta/Hemet Police Depts.	15:34:50 45
3.	Newport Beach Police Dept.	15:42:11 49
4.	Costa Mesa Police Dept.	15:46:34 51
5.	Beverly Hills Police Dept.	15:52:42 55
6.	Ventura Police Dept.	16:20:42 75
7.	Whittier Police Dept.	16:52:32 96
8.	Fontana Police Dept.	17:01:03 (P5) 102
9.	Corona Police Dept.	17:09:01 109
10.	Culver City Police Dept.	17:35:15 129
11.	West Covina Police Dept.	17:49:20 140
12.	Orange Police Dept.	18:03:39 144
13.	Santa Barbara Police Dept.	18:13:03 151
14.	El Monte Police Dept.	18:23:30 (P5) 160
15.	Quad Runners	21:09:15 88
	Rialto Police Dept.	21:53:32 (UO)

99 (99 or less sworn personnel)	Time	O/A Finish
1.	Tustin Police Dept.	17:19:35 118
2.	Colton Police Dept.	17:34:45 127
3.	Hawthorne Police Dept.	17:35:11 128
4.	Montebello Police Dept.	17:38:57 134
5.	Redlands Police Dept.	18:21:35 157
6.	Baldwin Park Police Dept.	18:28:42 164
7.	Alhambra Police Dept.	18:33:25 166
8.	Monterey Park Police Dept.	18:51:28 176
9.	Cypress/Los Alamitos Police Depts.	18:57:42 181

LAPD TEAMS IN BOLD CAPS

Legend for abbreviations after time:

- P# Time includes specified number of penalty minutes.
- UO Unofficial time.
- DQ Disqualified.

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1985	LAPD CENTRAL AREA (old course)	14:16:57
1986	LASD Special Enforcement Bureau	13:26:58
1987	LAPD TRAINING / AIR SUPPORT	Halted due to snow
1988	LAPD HOLLENBECK AREA	13:00:02
1989	LAPD PARKER CENTER	13:12:02
1990	LASD Central Jail	13:03:31
1991	FBI Los Angeles	12:57:41
1992	LASD Central Jail	12:53:37
1993	LASD Central Jail	12:42:17
1994	LASD Central Jail	12:58:48
1995	LASD Central Jail	12:56:37
1996	LAPD TRAINING / AIR SUPPORT	12:41:29
1997	LAPD TRAINING / AIR SUPPORT	13:12:37
1998	LAPD METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:40:23
1999	LAPD METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:10:39
2000	California Highway Patrol	13:01:46
2001	LAPD METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:03:48
2002	LAPD METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:12:47

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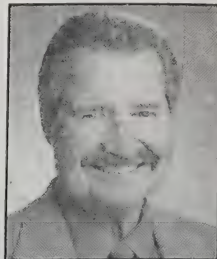
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SPORTS BEAT

2002 Baker to Vegas Run

(continued from center spread)

Other winners at this year's race were:

- *Mixed* – Stockton Area Police Departments, 14:12:14 (fourth straight win)
- *Stations* – LASD East Los Angeles Station, 14:16:01 (also won in 2001)
- *Invitational* – Los Angeles County Lifeguards, 14:47:50 (also won in 2001)
- *Inv. Mixed* – Los Angeles County District Attorneys, 15:42:51 (also won in 2001)
- *800 (masters)* – LASD Special Enforcement Bureau, 13:19:20 (tenth straight win)
- *1000 (301-1000 sworn employees)* – FBI Los Angeles Bureau, 13:30:02
- *300 (151-300 sworn)* – Fremont Police Department, 14:57:26 (fourth straight win)
- *150 (100-150 sworn)* – Orem Utah Dept. of Public Safety, 14:59:11 (record time)
- *99 (99 or less sworn)* – Tustin Police Department, 17:19:35
- *Guest* – New York City Police Department, 13:47:20

Race conditions were near perfect for the 18th Annual Challenge Cup, unlike previous years when runners battled 100-degree desert heat and wind, freezing rain, and blowing snow near Mountain Springs Summit. The 20 race segments vary from flat stretches of the Mojave Desert to the infamous "billy-goat legs" which climb 5,600 feet in elevation to the Summit, then drops 3,200 feet to the final seven miles towards the lights of Las Vegas.



Two special teams participated in this year's race. The New York Police Department Running Club put their feet to the asphalt to pay tribute to their own lost comrades, and to all who gave their lives on September 11. NYPD finished sixth overall with a time of 13:47:20. A special squad from the United States Marines in Camp Pendleton, team #911, ran to honor the men and women in uniform risking their lives to protect America. The Marines finished 24th overall with a time of 15:02:49. Over 200 other teams, representing nearly every Los Angeles Police and Sheriff's unit, numerous local and state agencies, and teams from as far away as Oregon, Texas and Canada.

Highlight of the two-day extravaganza, which also featured a Law Enforcement Expo, climaxed with the awards ceremony Sunday night with KTTV Fox 11 News Anchor Christine Divine and former Detroit Lions and Chicago Bears quarterback Eric Kramer serving as masters of ceremony. The stage was decorated a huge American flag, giant balloon of a Marine drill sergeant, a Humvee, and a NYPD squad car "borrowed" from the NYPD Blue set at 20th Century Fox.

Introduction of the NYPD team brought the crowd estimated in the thousands, to



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their feet (and up on their chairs) for what seemed like a half hour of hooting, hollering, cheering and applause. It was an emotional demonstration of support that left few dry eyes in the Rio Suites Pavilion. KFWB reporter Pete Demetriou, long a fixture at Baker to Vegas Relays, hosted ceremonies at the finish line earlier in the day.

Looking ahead, the 2003 Baker to Vegas Relay will prove challenging for Metro. Their try for a three-peat will have to be with a new team captain—Joe McWilliams, who led the team to victory the past few years, has been promoted and transferred to Rampart. Although he was able to come back and lead them to victory in 2002, he is now firmly transitioned at the corner of Temple and Rampart. Next race is in 11 months—stay tuned...

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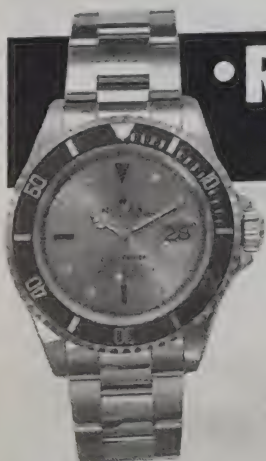
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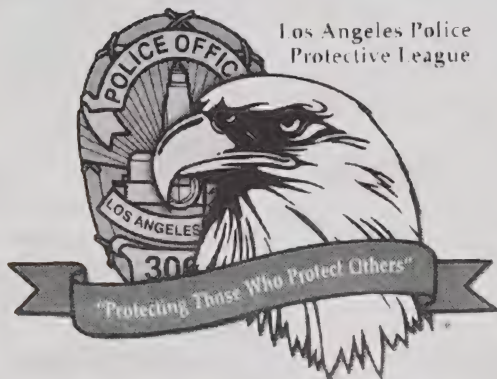
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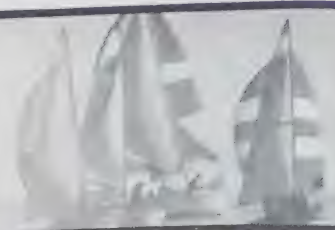
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RETIREMENT NEWS



The *Retirement News* is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

Well, it didn't take long for the first six months to creep up on us. It seems like the older one gets, the time seems to come and go much faster. Here it is June and only yesterday it was January. Hell, it is getting so one can't really enjoy life, because it slips by so fast. Oh well you can't fight it so have fun while you can. I know I am. I don't stay home much, especially since I discovered bingo and the Indian casinos, and of course Laughlin, Nevada. Don't enjoy Las Vegas. Too commercial, but I do like Laughlin. I am still looking for a place near Laughlin to buy as a getaway.

I am still getting calls from the members telling me how much they enjoyed the comedy magician show at the April luncheon. They said it as different from the usual police information. Don't get me wrong, a lot of good information is learned from all our guest speakers from the LAPD and we intend to keep having them as long as they will come.

It's a long drive to come from Los Angeles out to Hemet. A lot of the retirees are getting to a point in their lives when they can no longer drive this far, and I can understand that. Many have had to drop out because they can no longer make the trip. It is sad to see

some of these guys when you remember back to when they were in their prime and could fight a bear with a switch. Hell, I no longer use a switch. I use a baseball bat or a large club. I'm not going to give up if I can help it.

It was good to see several retired officers whom I had not seen in 40 or 50 years: **Pierce Weir** from my old Hollywood days. I remember him as a skinny young officer barely old enough or weighed enough to get on the P.D., but he turned out to be a good cop and he has put on some weight. But I would have known him anywhere. Pierce, you're welcome to come again.

It was good to see **Roger Mairs** after a two year absence. Welcome back, Roger. Don't be a stranger.

Jesse Tubbs looks great. Hope the wife, **Dorothy**, keeps him coming. Seeing all the guys is good therapy for him. Incidentally, Dorothy Tubbs is an cracker jack real estate agent in Big Bear. So if any of you are contemplating moving to Big Bear, Dorothy can help. Give her a call.

Several new members have found the Inland Blue Line: **Tony Mazzone, Mike Rhine, John Ensign, Bob Wheelis, Frank Rissman, John Sack, Rene Payan, Jim Pathe, Karl Oskay, Bob Nett, Dick Meharg, Mike Markulis,**

Bill Lietz, Gil Loust, and Bob Lutz are just to name a few. If you know any of these officers, come join us and renew old acquaintances. You'll be glad you did.

We only meet three times per year. The second Wednesday in January, April and October. Always in Hemet and always at the same restaurant. You can call me for further information.

I don't want to slight anyone so I'll publish some more recent Blue Line members at later date. Can't overload the *Thin Blue Line* newspaper. I would like to publish all the members so you would know they are still healthy and kicking, but space is limited in the paper. If it keeps growing, the Post Office is going to charge them by the pound to deliver. The poor Post Office needs some more money so they have to raise the postage. It would be okay if the service would improve. Have you had to try and mail a package lately? Sometimes it's an hour wait, long line, big Post Office and two people on duty. Wow, how I hate to have to mail a package these days. Pony Express was faster.

I'm working on a special guest speaker for October. I'll let you know later. Did you all get one of the 911 pins put out by the Protective League? I had so many requests for the pins. I ordered 50 and thought that would be enough. Wrong. Should have ordered 200 plus. They sold like hotcakes. Some of the guys took three or four. **Goldsberry** ordered ten. Maybe he has got those Arizona people conned and sold them for \$10 each. Bill, just kidding. You wouldn't do that, unless you thought you could get away with it. You guys should have bought some. They will be collectables in a few years.

The Twin Towers bombing was horrible and will be in our grandchildren's history books. All the proceeds from the sale of these pins went to the Police and Fire Fund in New York to help the families of the officers who lost their lives.

It was sure good to see **Stu Sipma**. He has progressing Lou Gehrig's Disease. He is going to Duluth, Minnesota to live. Good luck, Stu. I'm proud to have known you and happy to be called your friend.

All those who worked for Capt. **Bob Perry** would remember him if you met him on the street. Hasn't changed, just a wee bit older. I sure enjoyed having him as my lieutenant and captain.

Floyd Phillip sure looks good. I still would hate to tangle with him. Remember how tough he was when you were going through the Academy. He turned out some great cops.

George Milemore is almost back to his old self after his operation.

Mel Tousseau told me **Bob Tucker** is in a rest home in, I believe, Grass Valley. According to Mel, Bob is in pretty bad shape. It's hard to believe. Do you remember how robust Tucker was? I remember when he rode Motors. He spotted a bale of hay on the side of the freeway, loaded it on the back of his motorcycle. **Charlie Cole** and I pulled alongside and asked where his horse was. He said, "I'm riding it" and cranked the throttle and sped away into the sunset.

Well, I guess it has come to the end of my story, so I'll close by my usual quote. "Be careful, it's a jungle out there."

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Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club

by Ron and Elayne Gray

Our prayers were answered on April 26th when the rain didn't fall and the wind didn't blow and all 86 guests were able to eat outside at our third annual Mexican Fiesta at the *Casa Gris*. We've had some unusual spring weather and we were a little uncertain (read "panicky") about just how all those folks were going to fit inside - but the weather held and everything worked out beautifully.

Fifty-five golfers teed off at noon in a "Cha Cha Cha" tournament. Everyone seemed to enjoy the format as it balanced out the playing field. The number one team consisted of **Gary Guthrie, Carl Paul, and Dave and Debra Warren**. They were followed very closely by **Marv Cooper, Bud Lindsey, Chuck Massey and Jim Gicking** in second; and **Joe Van Fleet, Jack Ennis and Duane and Pat Lloyd** in third. Debra Warren had the least number of putts of the women and **Doug Watson and Bill Rodgers** tied for the men. Pat Lloyd and Joe Van Fleet each won closest to the pin. Congratulations to all of you!

We had a lot of new faces this month.

Sam Natow came up from San Jacinto to play with his old motor buddies **Bill Rodgers and Jim Miller**. They were joined in their foursome by **Jim Shuler, LASO, Art Reddy and Jim Vogts** teamed up with **Ken and Helen Reardon** to make another LASO foursome. **Jay Mowat** played in his first tournament since taking up this crazy game called golf. Welcome and we hope you come back.

There was also a lot of old familiar faces that we hadn't seen in much too long! **Frank and Florence Virgallito** came out from La Crescenta; **Paul and Reba Mize** came from West Covina; and **Ron and JoAnn Clem** came all the way from Tucson, Arizona. It was really great to see them all again.

We hate to say goodbye to all the snowbirds as they leave for the summer, but we're looking forward to a great 2002/2003 season when they return. Gary and **Sandy Guthrie** will open the season with a tournament at Mission Lakes in September. There are several other venues still in the planning stages. Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you in the fall.

Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker
Photos by Bob Carter
and Corky Rochlitz

MEL-BOARD score: 98 down and 2 to go!
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Although the MEL-BOARD shows no change as you read this score, this month it actually should show the score as Mel 99 and 1 more to go. How so? Voodoo mathematics or what's going on here? Naw, nothing at all like that. It is, very simply, a time lapse. **Mel** is scheduled to run the close to home Palos Verdes Marathon on May 18th. However, the Old Blue column for June must be on the desk of Associate Editor Helen McVay at the very latest by the 6th of the month. In this case, by May 6th. So this "Back to the Future" situation is just that. Thanx, Michael J. Fox. Butttt, after that, Hizzzonor is all set to hit that century mark marathon on, *now hear this*, June 2nd at the "Rock and Roll Marathon" in San Diego at Balboa Park near 6th and Laurel. Wheelchairs start at 6:30 a.m. while walkers and marathoners start at 6:45 a.m. The finish line will be at another famous landmark, the United States Marine Corps Recruit Depot, aka "boot camp." Start early as it's about 165 miles from Van Nuys and I-5 traffic through San Diego County tends to be challenging.

Mel usually runs just under a four-hour marathon, which, all things being equal, should have him setting his own record just a bit before 10:30 a.m. This notice is shaving it a little thin but if you can be there, you'll be a part of an LAPD historical sporting event that I don't think will be broken for a long, long time. And it's also a tribute to one of the finest gentlemen and greatest sportsmen that ever wore the uniform of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Baker to Vegas was a really great day for a really great race, and we all had a really great time! We sure wish that all of you could have been there with us. It was ideal running conditions and just about ideal everything. During the day the sun was warm but just right. When it went down, along with the temp., it was a tad cold. Not too cold but just right. Along about 3:00 a.m., at leg eight, it almost started to get a little too cold, but just as suddenly the weather changed its mind and stayed just nice at about 52 degrees. It was probably about the best running weather that we've had in the past five years. And I think it was at leg eight last year, maybe the year before, that light rain began to turn to light snow, which, thankfully, stopped about a half hour before the first runners arrived. In contrast, in 2002, more than a few runners were in T-shirts rather than sweats. But what do you expect from the greatest race in the world? I knew that **Chuck Foote** and **Larry Moore**, who designed this race with a few suggestions from some 1980s Metro cops, were well connected, but to be almost able to guarantee good weather, that had to impress everybody, especially our many out of town guests.

And the victorious Old Blue runners, who clearly copped a neat sixth place finish with a time of 16:19:59 in the 800 category of the 18th running of the 120-mile Baker to Vegas Police Memorial Relay Race, are by leg number: 1. **Pat Connelly**, 2. **Bob Bloomer**, 3. **Chuck Foote**, 4. **Jim O'Connor**, 5. **Gene Peterson**, 6. **Pete Lamaestra**, 7. **John**

Marnell, 8. **Chuck McTaggart**, 9. **Phil Booth**, 10. **Bill Estes**, 11. **Mario Mascolo**, 12. **Dale Sprinkle**, 13. **Bruce Hoover**, 14. **Mike Arroyo**, 15. **John Martin**, 16. **Pat Dailey**, 17. **Joe Najera**, 18. **Bob Carter**, 19. **Mel Sandvig**, 20. **Jim Becker**. Congratulations gentlemen, one and all! Take a big, big bow. You were great! And one of our greatest, number 11, was probably the oldest runner of the 4,300 competitors. Take an extra bow, Mario Mascolo, who is a long-time runner born on Jan. 12, 1935. Way to go, Mario!

There were a couple of new faces helping out this year and they said they had a



Left to right: Old Blue happy winners Dianne Dailey, husband Pat Dailey, Virginia Van Houtte & Corky Rochlitz at the B-V Police Relay Race.



Left to right: retired motor Sergeants Bob Carter & John Martin display their B-V victory mugs.

grand and glorious time rounding up all the runners and making sure that they were ready to go at the right time. A round of welcome aboard applause to **Dianne Harber** and **Dan Elefante** is appropriate right now. Also doing the same thing for about their third or fourth year were always dependable **Corky Rochlitz** and **Virginia Van Houtte**. Also, always dependable **Bob Espinosa** brought along his LAPD son, **Tony**, to keep the log and do the reports so you know that things went smooth in their unit. A father and son team, wow, I'm impressed. Congrats Tony and Bob. **Jay Hernando**, **Bob Bloomer** and **Keith Allen** were alternates and Bob got his name in the books when his runner called in sick. Bob lives in Utah and his son runs for the Salt Lake City P.D. where almost everyone's choice to be the next chief of LAPD, **Rick Dinse**, is "the man!" Bob is the kind of guy that every coach wants on his team. He commutes about a 1,100 mile round trip to the Baker to Vegas race to "maybe run" but is a definite alternate. And obviously he has that winners attitude of "just put me in the game, coach, wherever, whatever you need a man, I'll do it!" What a guy! Then there's Keith Allen, one of our other alternates. He runs with the team every month despite the fact that some of the original equipment that he was issued at birth has been recalled and it is doubtful that it is ever going to be reissued. But no whining, no crying, no sniveling, just guts football, folks, and let's get the job done. Same thing with Co-captain **Chuck McTaggart**, who is now missing a couple of pieces of original equipment but he doesn't "cherry pick" any of the easier

legs for himself. He ran leg eight, which starts with a slight downhill and then suddenly gets steep, steep, steeper for the next six miles and then ends over the crest of the hill.

Dale Sprinkle flies about a 6,000 mile round trip from his home in northern Maine to run with Old Blue and **Pete Lamaestra** flies about half that far round trip from his Idaho hacienda to run with Old Blue.

Veteran runners like **George Beck**, **Mike McKean**, **Ray Romero** and **Jay Hernando** are all active members of Old Blue, filling in wherever needed. And more than a few wives, friends and other family members help out in all sorts of ways. I don't know where we get these super caliber people but we couldn't make it every year without every blessed one of you. Last, but certainly not least, are three guys without whose assistance we'd really be up the creek. A big, big thank you to Reserve Officer "Lefty" **Clark** who shared the use of his room with us so that we would have a hospitality center.



Craig Martin of 77th gets to heft the victory mug won by his Dad John Martin who ran for Old Blue.

Another big thanks to retired D-3 **George Arnold** who for several years has shared his garage with our Old Blue electric sign that goes on the roof of our follow vehicle. And, of course, another

round of applause and enchiladas to retired D-3 **Julio Nieves** through whose generosity we were able to get the show on the road in the first class style and keep on rolling to the end. A SUPER-DOOPER, GIGANTE GRACIAS, JULIO!! And to all the folks that I may have missed, who do a lot of the little critical things that we ordinarily do not hear about but without whose expertise we would be hard pressed to get into the race, let alone be contenders, on behalf of the Old Blue team, we give each of you lots of thanks in working with us and helping us accomplish our goal. Whoops, I almost forgot **Gene** "The Electrician-Magician" **Peterson**, without whose specific expertise our beautiful "Old Blue" electronic sign board would not have been able to light up the back woods roads of Nevada and California and the music would have been mute. To make sure that nothing short-circuited, Gene had plenty of expert advice from his daughter, Heather, and sure enough everything worked perfectly. Thanx a lot, Peterson.

And as I turn off my IBM Selectric for the last time this season, I am passing along this column, which has been a lot of fun for me every month to everyone's good friend who has probably done more for LAPD and the City of Los Angeles accidentally than a lot of us have done on purpose. Of course you've figured out already who I am talking about, haven't you? Yes, indeed, none other than retired Captain and Old Blue teammate, **Rudy DeLeon**. I'll be sitting on the sidelines for a little while figuring out just how much Medicare will ante up for lymph gland removal while also re-reading this portion of my Bible, Proverbs 3, verses 5 & 6: "Lean not on your own understanding." I'll try and I'll sure be keepin' in touch.

And who won the B-V race? Metro Red team of the LAPD had a time of 13:12:47 and the SEB team of the L.A. County Sheriffs Dept. had a time of 13:14:20. A most unusual race and congrats to the winner. ❖

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on June 19, 2002, at "The LAMP-LIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave and Nordhoff St. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 A.M. Coffee is available until 1100 when lunch orders are taken.

We had 35 members present at the April 17th luncheon. The following were at the lunch: **Bob** (7839) and **Genie BAKER**, **Don BARNETT** (7433), **Ken BRONDELL** (3336), **Mike CARPENTER** (10846), **Frances DAVIDSON**, **Ted DEBS** (6808), **Emmett DRENNEN** (3279), **Ray ELMER** (5607), **Clinton ERICKSON** (5608), **Bob FRITZ** (4583), **Bob GIBSON** (4585), **Donald GIRT** (12530), **Mel HARNER** (4501), **Morrie HENKIN** (5247), **John KEPKE** (4603), **Jim LAWSON** (10748), **Tom LINDHOLM** (4734), **Boris MENEGHELLI** (3522), **Herbert** (Pinky) **MEREDITH**

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There were two new attendees this month, **Donald Girt** and **Mike Carpenter**, **Doug Ware** returned after an absence of about four years.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters. Our meeting information is also on the LARFPA Website in case you forget the date or location. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting. ❖

More Retirement News on next page

RETIREMENT NEWS

The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

Greetings from the Central Coast. Summer is upon us and a lot of us are carrying out our travel plans for the year or just enjoying activities on the home front. There is always a lot to do on the Central Coast this time of year.

We all had a super time at the Inn at Morro Bay back in March, checking out the beauty of that beautiful coastal community. Well, we're ready to meet again for some good barbecued food and cheerful LAPD camaraderie up in the North County.

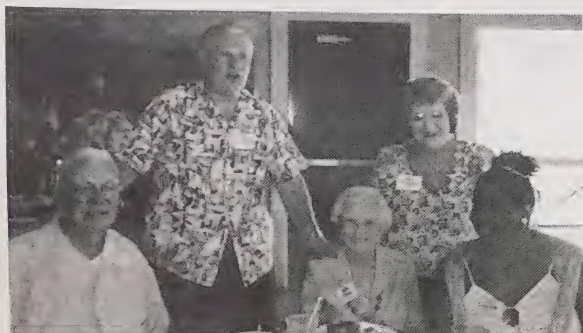
Again, we will have an air conditioned facility with plenty of room to romp around. The location has a beautiful lake view and is located within the lovely Lake Pavilion Park. The Charles Paddock Zoo is adjacent to our location and is a nice attraction to visit.

- Cost: \$12.00 per person.
- Extras: Free drinks—wine/beer/coffee/soft drinks.

No guest speakers, just us old timers talking about how wonderful we had it back in the good old days when morale



Standing back row: Gerd & Nancy Konieczny and Tom Stead. Seated left to right: Bob & Marilyn Darnell, John Pearson, last year at Lake Pavilion.



Standing in back: Bob & Aileen Rackerby. Seated left to right: Freeman & Nellie Calvert. Far right: Lucy Salls, last year at Lake Pavilion.



Left to right: Bill & Linda Achen, Sammey McHenry and Al Schlocker, Lunch at the Inn at Morro Bay.

- The Place: Lake Pavilion, Atascadero, 9315 Pismo Ave., at Highway 41.
- Date: June 20, 2002.
- Time: Social hour 1100 hours, Lunch at noon.
- Entrée: One half chicken, tri-tip, and all the trimmings.

the central coast. We also looked at several other places in the North County for potential meeting places.

After lunch at a Mexican restaurant in Paso Robles, Gerd and Nancy invited us to visit their ranch in Santa Miguel where they have over 400 acres of land

was high along with the arrests. Everyone is welcome to come up and visit the Fuzz Gang.

Any questions, contact **Dave Aikins**, (805) 489-4806, or **Paul & Stella Mattson**, (805) 929-0520.

A few weeks ago, Paul & Stella Mattson, **Judy Aikins** and I visited the San Marcos Ranch with **Gerd & Nancy Konieczny**. It is a spectacular showplace perfected to please even Martha Stewart. We were checking out possible future locations for our Fuzz group to meet. The ranch is located just south of the city of San Miguel and north of Paso Robles. It is designed as a meeting place for large groups, as well as weddings and special events. If possible, we are going to try to have a function there next year. It would be well worth it. The ranch is one of the most beautiful places we have visited on

Retirement Corner

Rank	Name	Serial No.	Last Assigned	No. of Years
P-III	William Hallett	13536	Pacific	34
D-III	Dennis M. Bisdorf	16561	Hollenbeck	31
D-II	Frank X. Galvan	20477	IAG	28
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P-III	Teresa L. Golt	26563	Hollywood	13

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Dates to Remember

		Event Time/ Social	Meal
JUNE			
June 2	SABLA "Spring Fling"	1100	
June 3,4,5	77th St. Alumni Reunion/Las Vegas		
June 7	William Moran	1730	1830
June 7	Metro Reunion	1600	1700
June 10	Kevin Heady	1800	1900
June 14	Rick Faulkner	1730	1830
June 16-23	Police & Fire Summer Games, Santa Ana		
June 18	American Legion Annual		
	Steak Fry @ Academy	1800	
June 19	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200
June 20	David Jones	1700	1800
June 20	Central Coast Fuzz BBQ	1100	1200
June 21	Robert Ontiveros	1700	1800
June 21	Scott LaChasse	1800	
June 28	77th Reunion/Harbor Range	1500	
June 28	Delores Morfin	1700	
June 28	LAPD West Valley Open		
	Tournament @ Cascades GC	0900	
JULY			
July 17	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1200
July 18	John Hall	1700	
July 19	Father Mike's Desert Refuge		
	Golf Tournament @ Knollwood CC	1200	
July 20	Dennis Wuethrich	1500	
July 20	Motor Officer Reunion	1400	
July 25	Jeff Parker	1700	1800

designed for raising deer. After quite a drive on a lonely country road, we arrived at their place. Currently they have over 300 little critters on their ranch. What a sight to see. Over the past 13 years, the Konieczny's have done a marvelous job building their business of raising deer and selling venison. The hard work they have done at their place

is unbelievable. What a couple!

After the visit we hustled back to the South County as **Paul Mattson** had an important bowling tournament in Santa Maria that night. It turns out that Paul hit the right pins and his team won. What a guy!

That's it. Take care and have fun. Catch us at wuzzlapd@aol.com.

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS Contd.

A Hollenbeck Retirement Party for Sgt II

Rick Faulkner

#16495

Friday
June 14, 2002

Where: Quail Canyon
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Cocktails: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
"The Party": 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$30.00
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For details contact:
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F-17

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A-5

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K99-03

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L00-05

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100-06

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L01-05

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D-11

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A00-01

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G00-02

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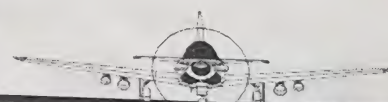
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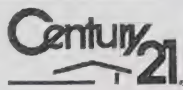
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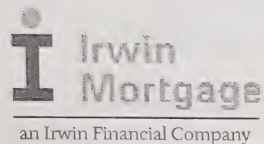
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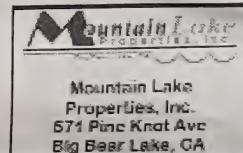
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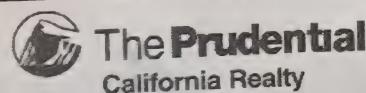


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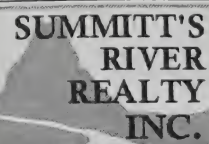
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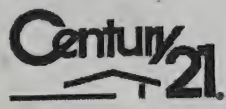


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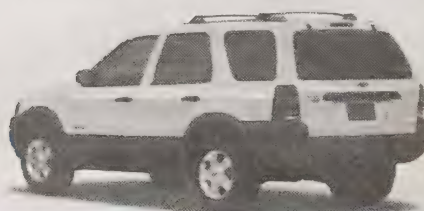
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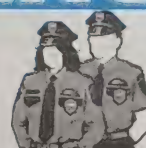
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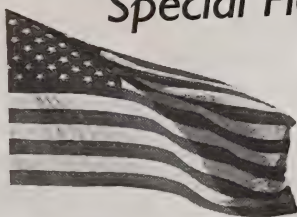
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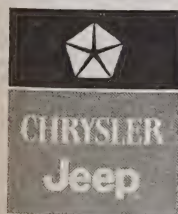
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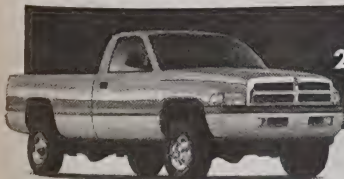
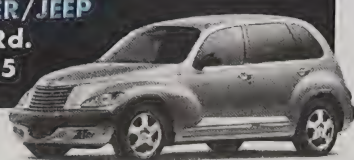
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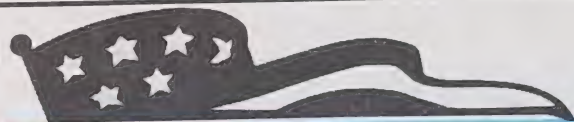
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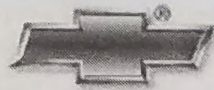
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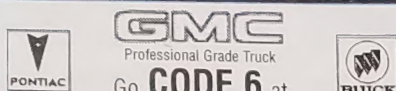
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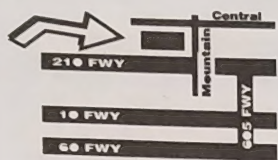
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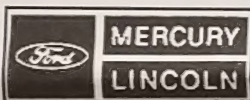
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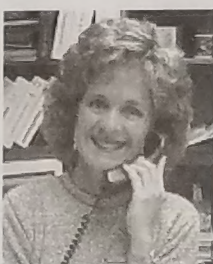
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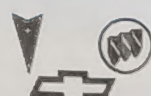
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